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Role of pathology in biomedical research

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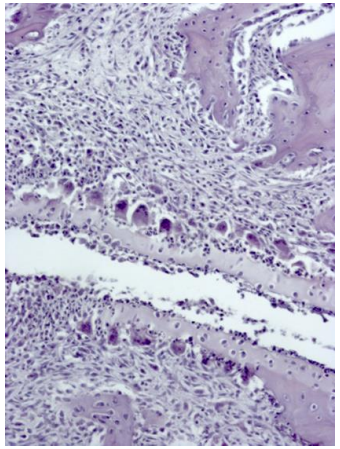
Aim of the lecture

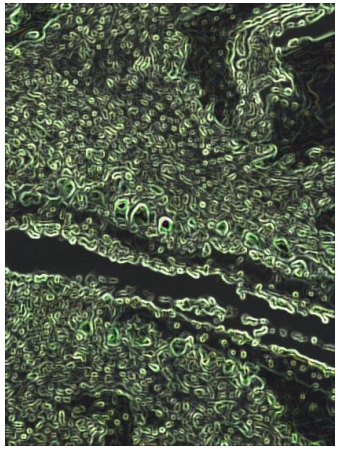
Present the role of pathology in drug research conducted on:

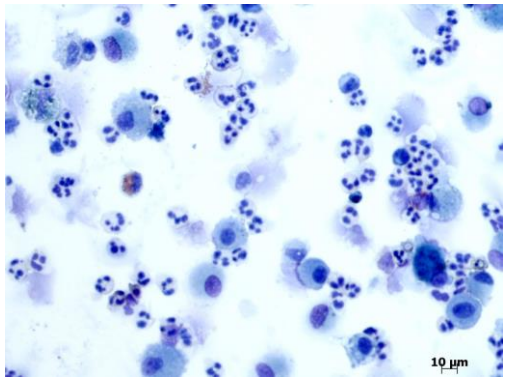
Laboratory animals

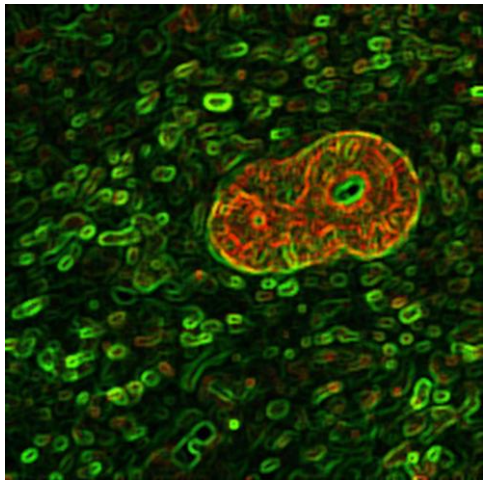
Human tissue samples

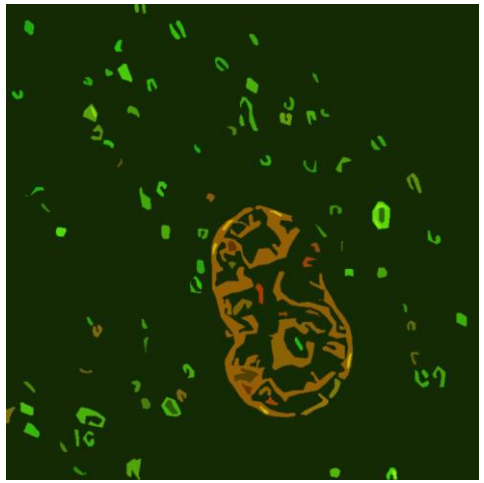
Tissue/cell lines grown *in vitro*

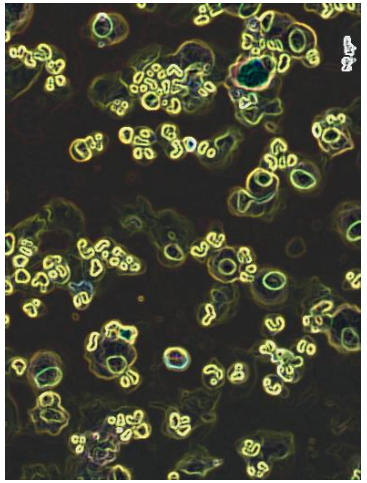


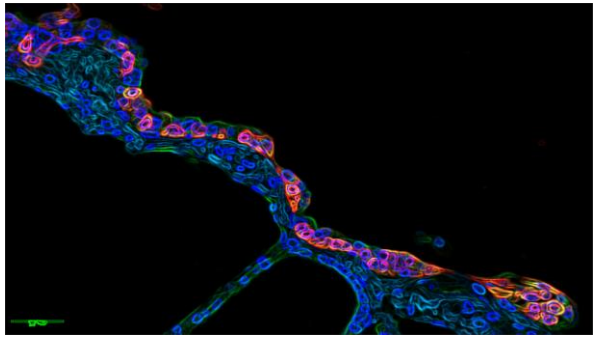


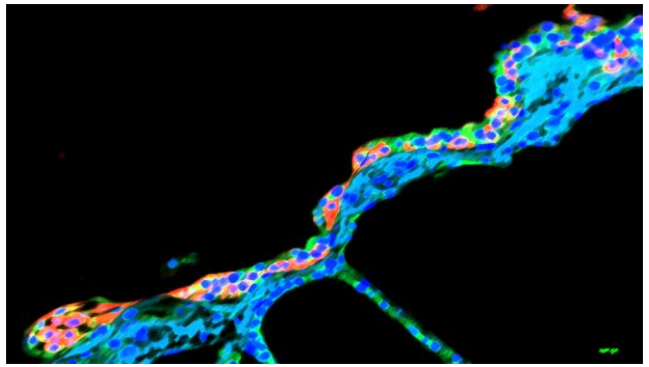


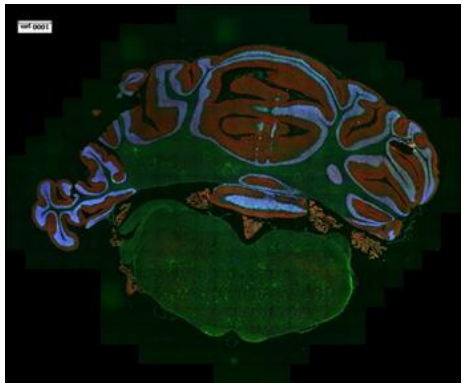


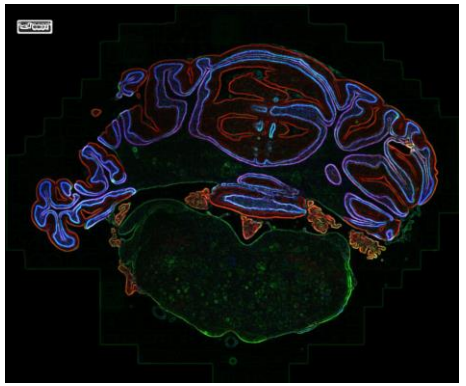


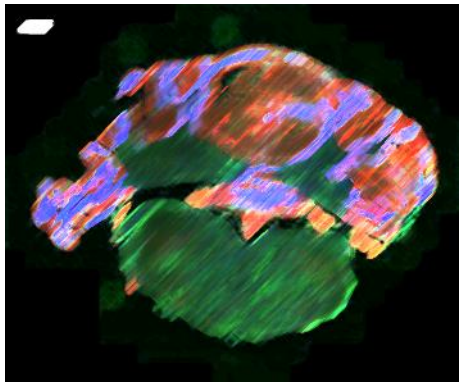












What has changed?

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Reduce late-phase attrition
Translational medicine
Pathobiology
Comparative medicine
Translational biomarkers
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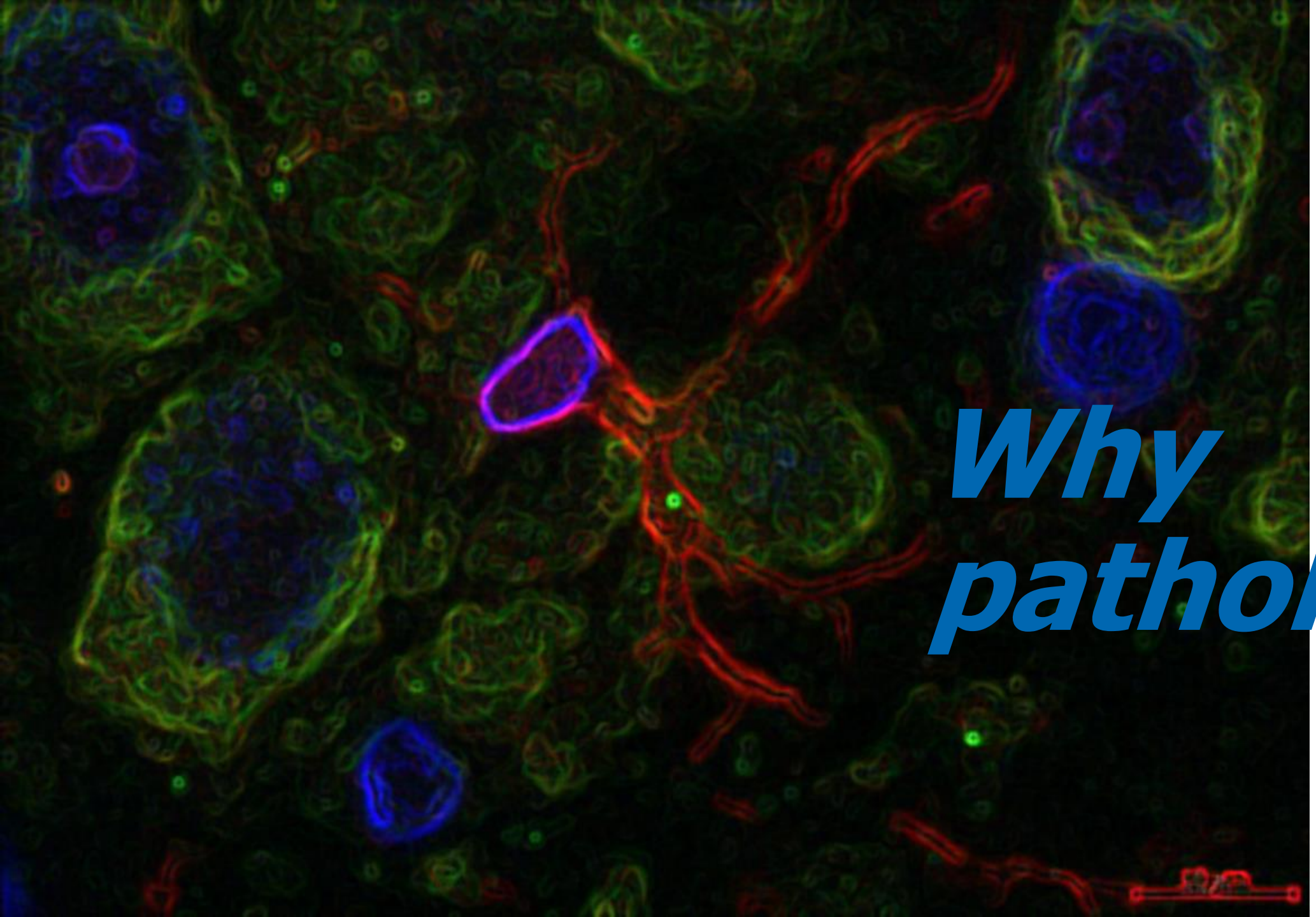
Translational relevance
Data integration
Pathology
Translational pathology
Comparative pathobiology
Data integrity
Data quality



Why pathology?

Pathology in biomedical research: From target to clinical trials

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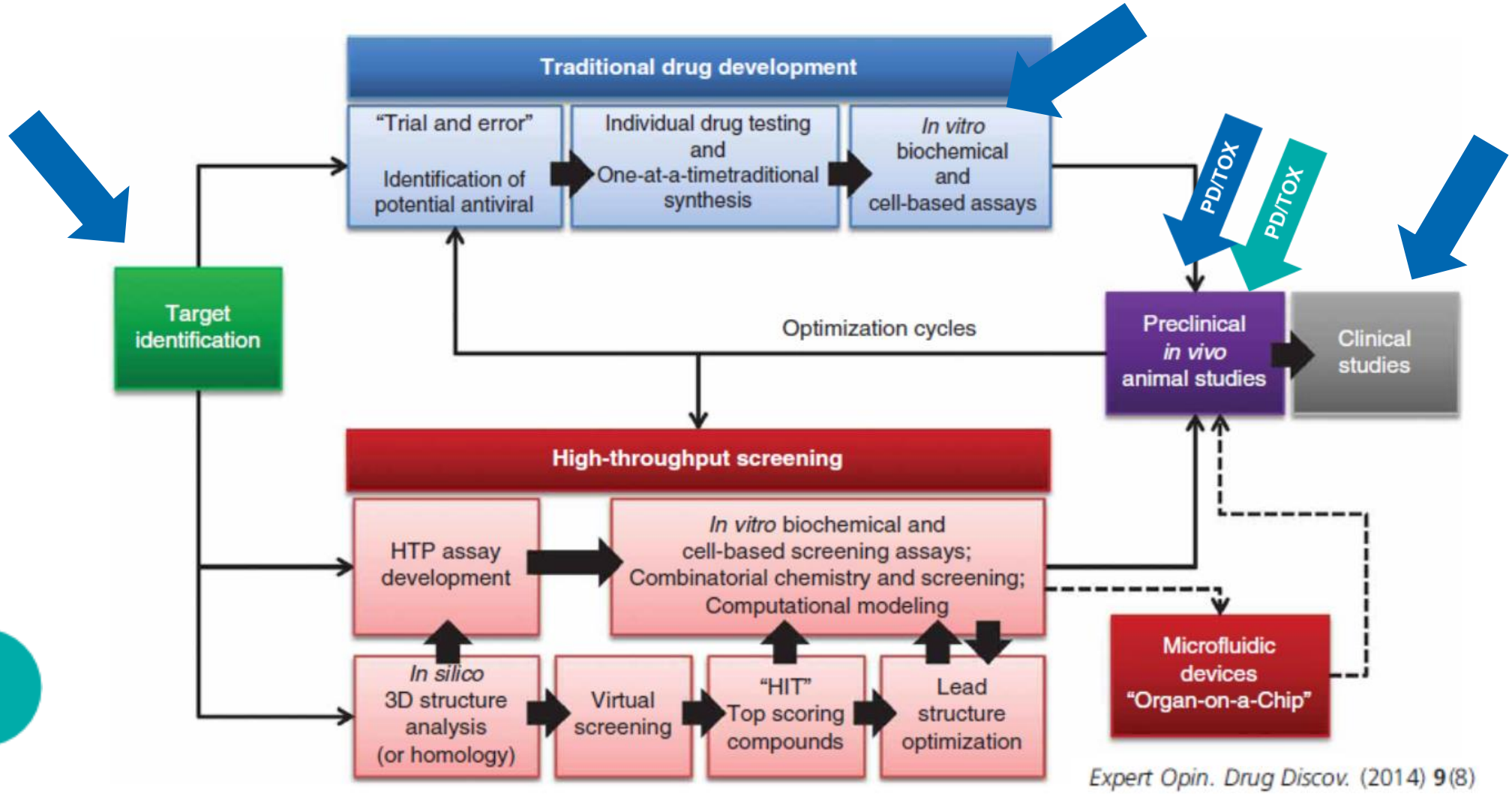

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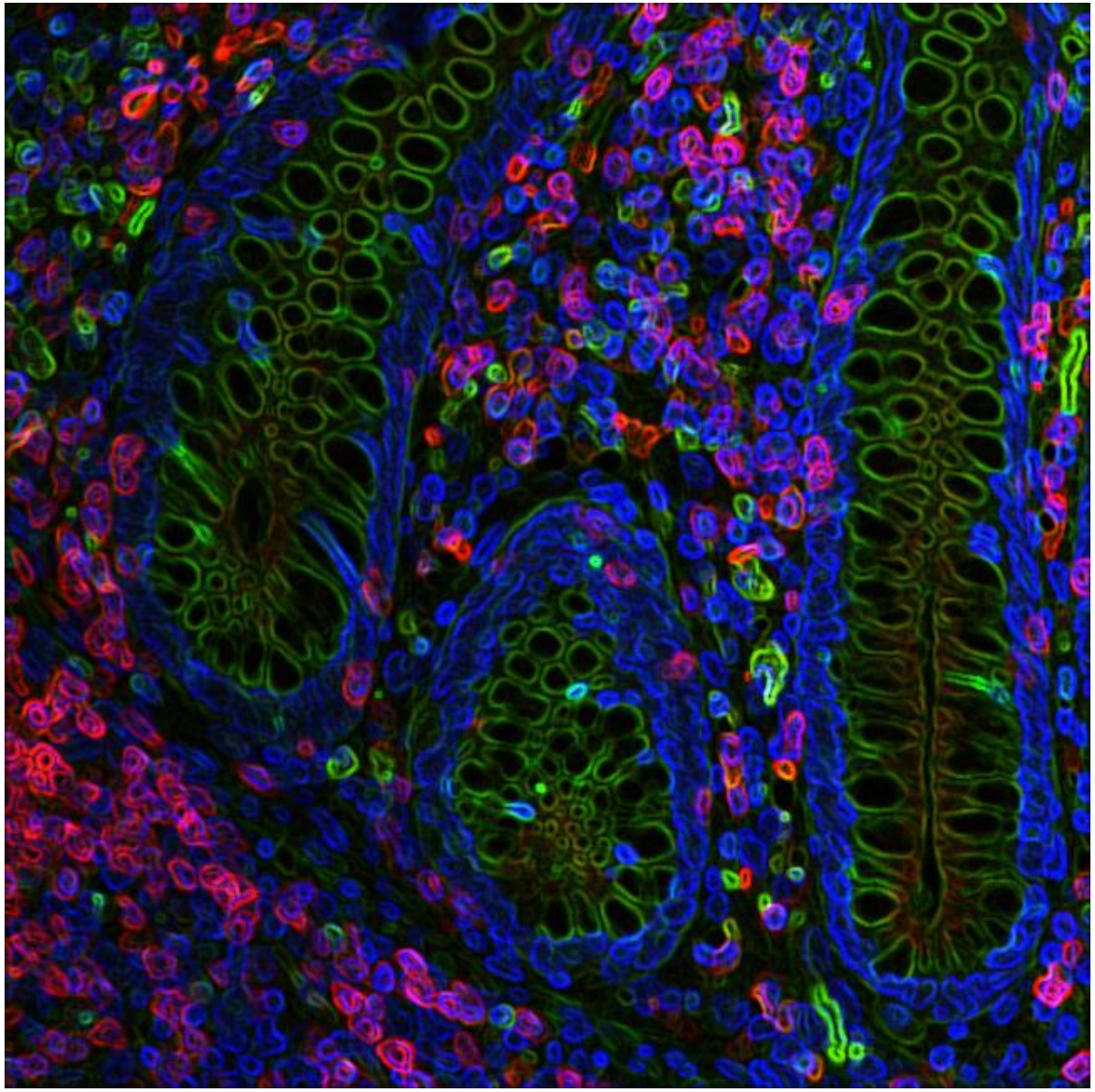
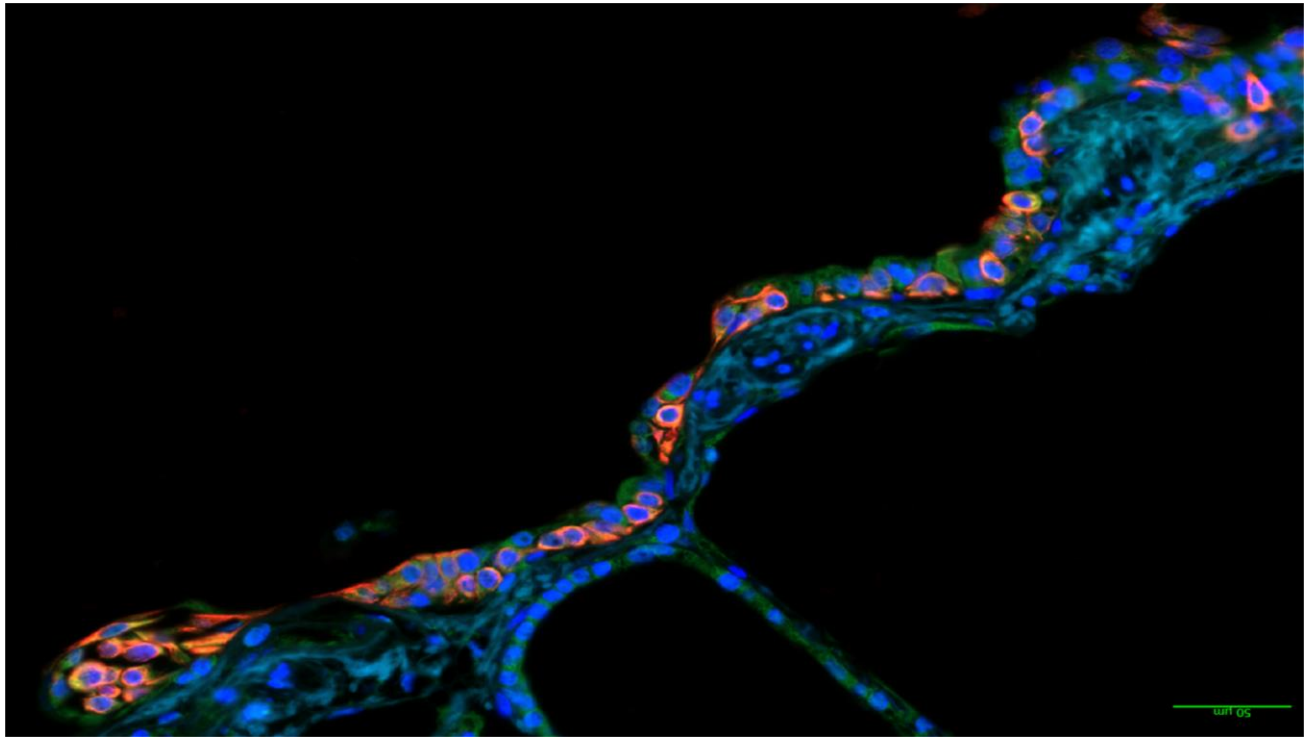
Target /Pathway validation



In vivo, In vitro



Target validation: Human disease

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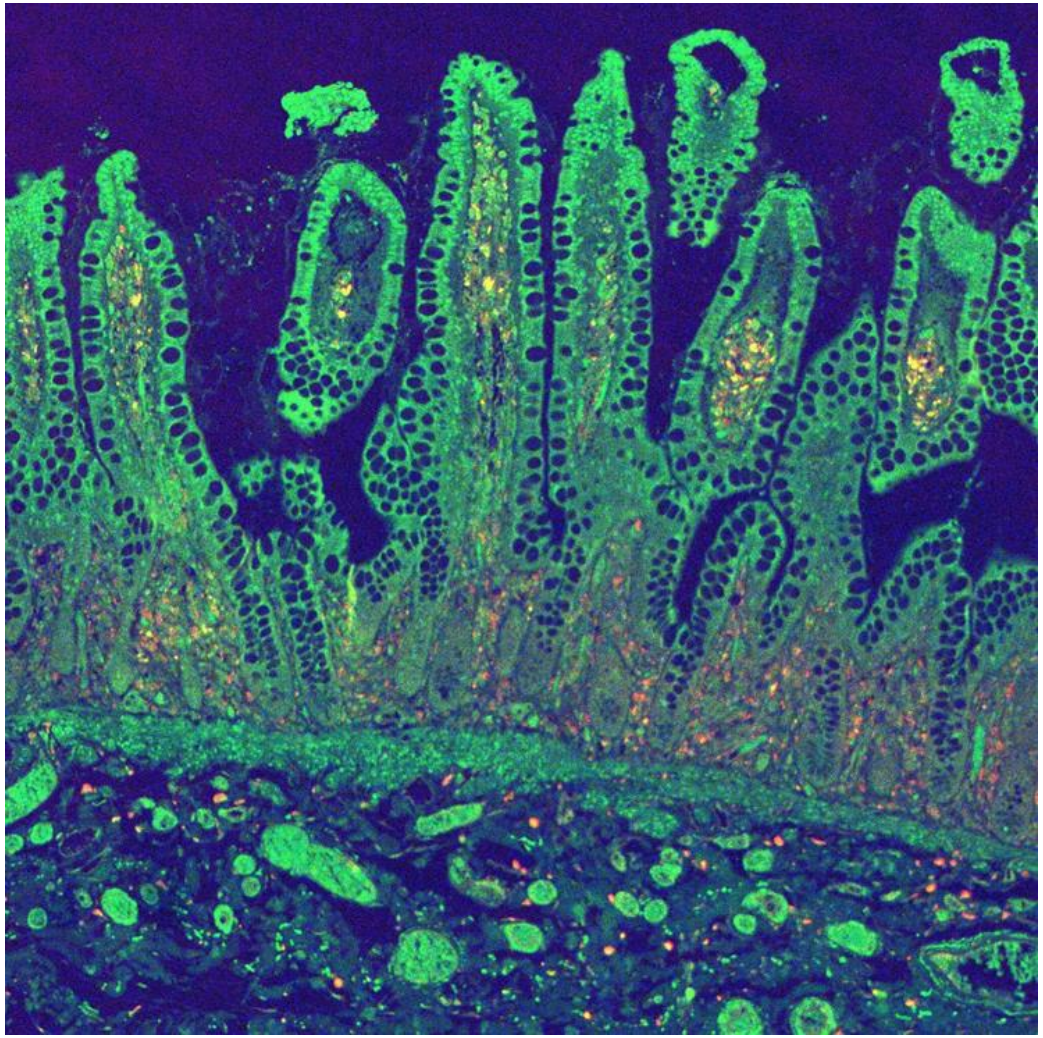
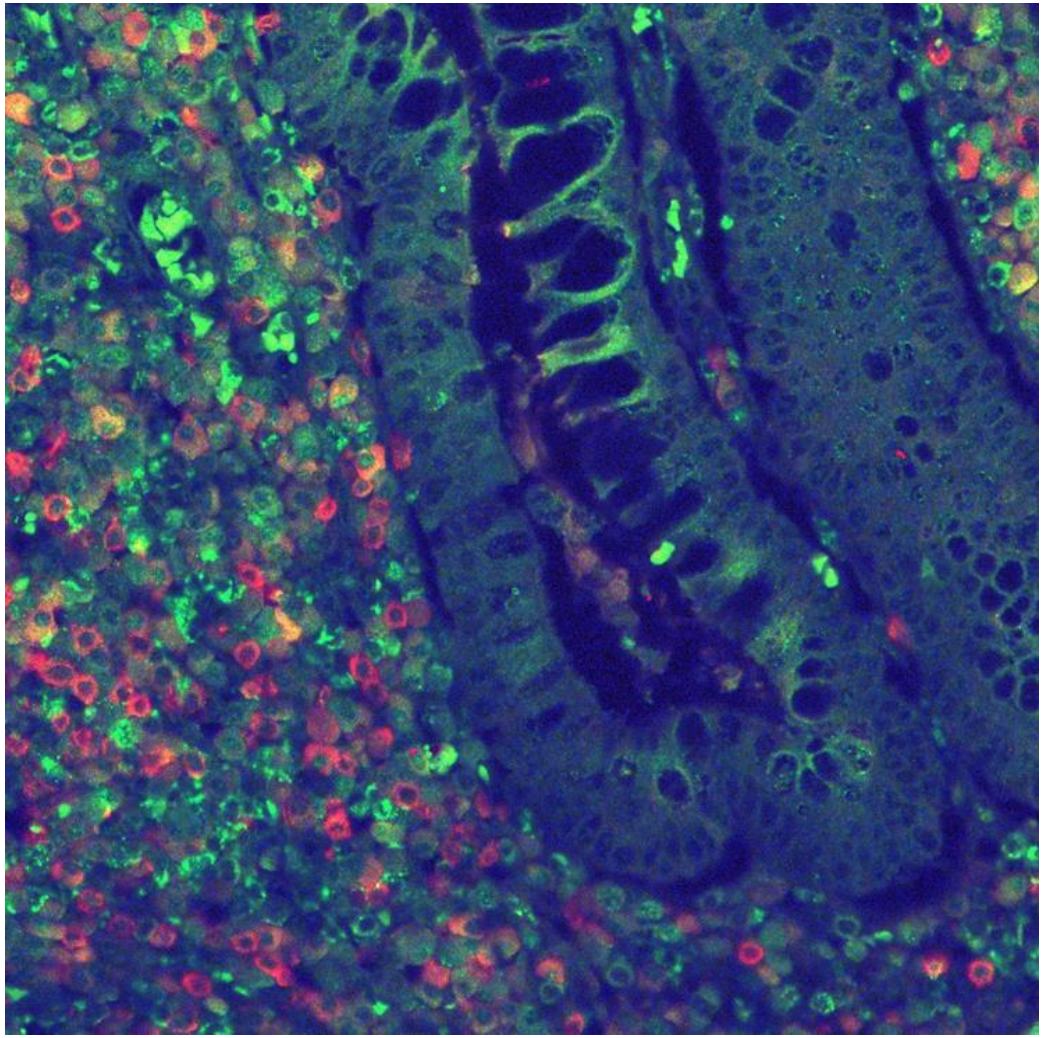
Human, non-IBD



TargetCD-marker

Human, IBD



TargetCD-marker

Target validation: Translational pathology
Human vs. animal tissue

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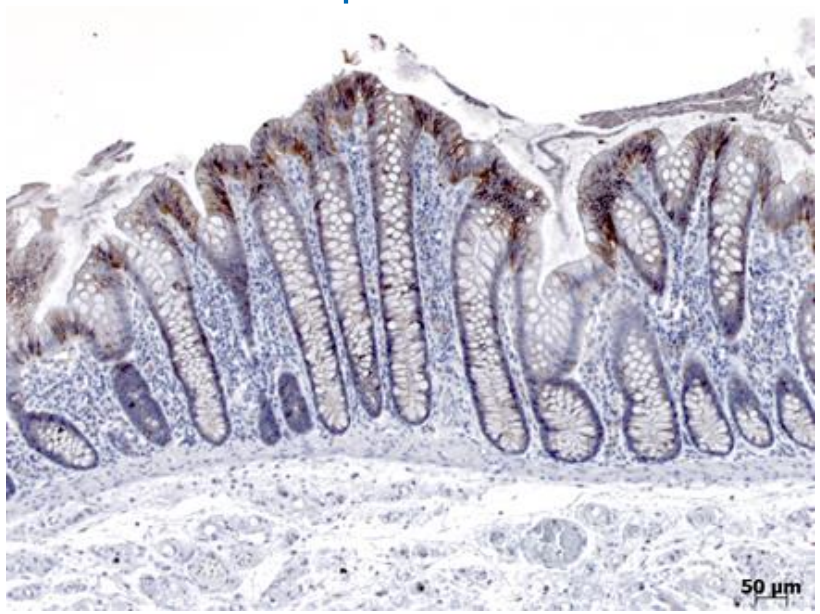
Claudin-1 expression in colon



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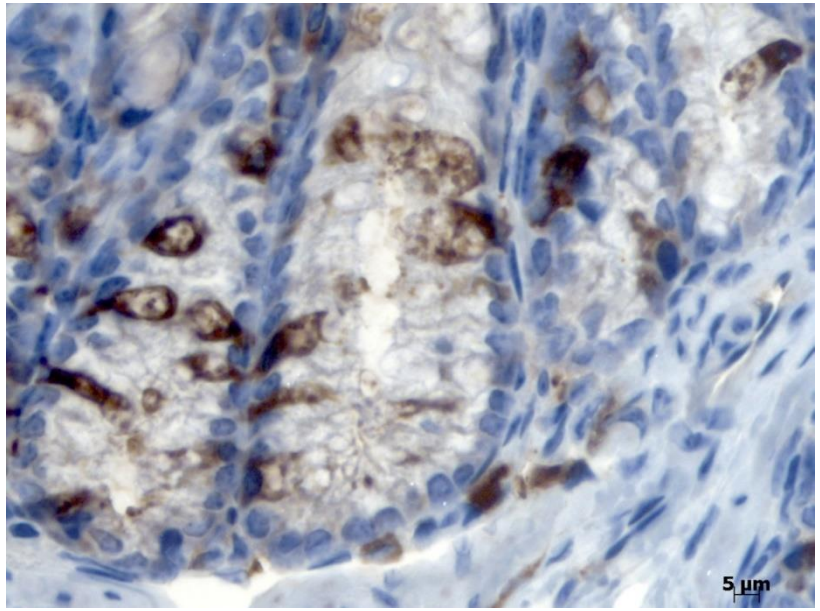

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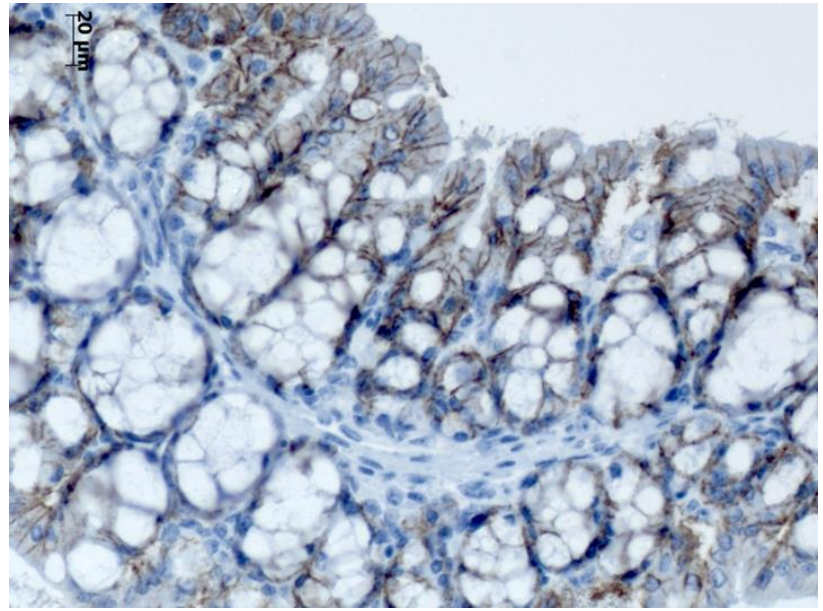

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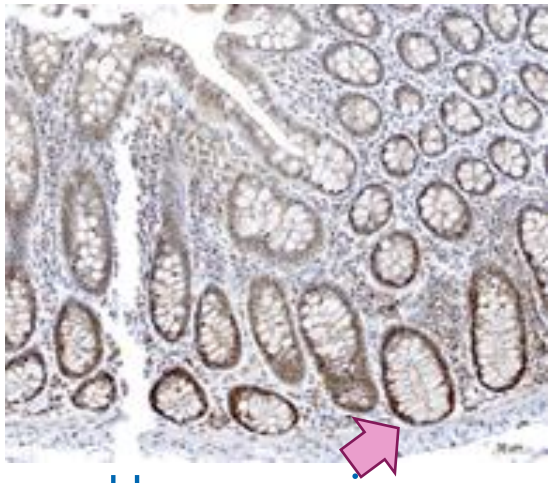
Target validation: Translational pathology

Human vs. animal models

Claudin-2 expression in colon



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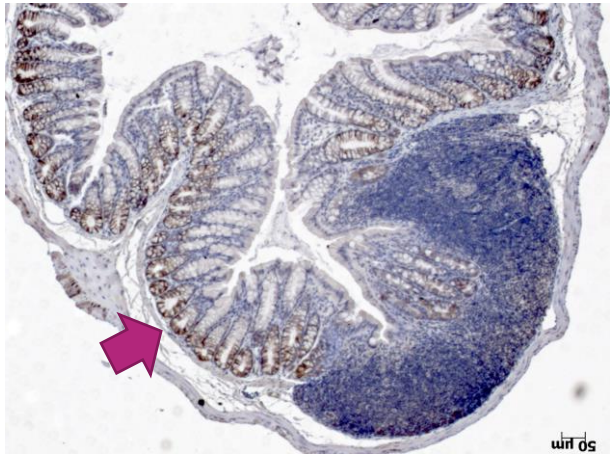

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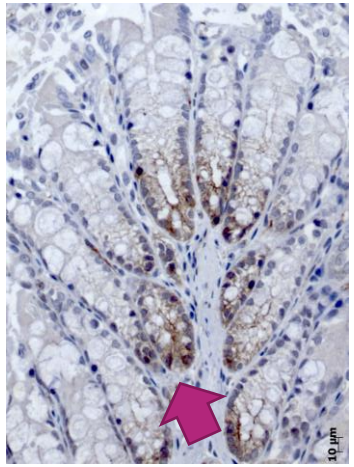

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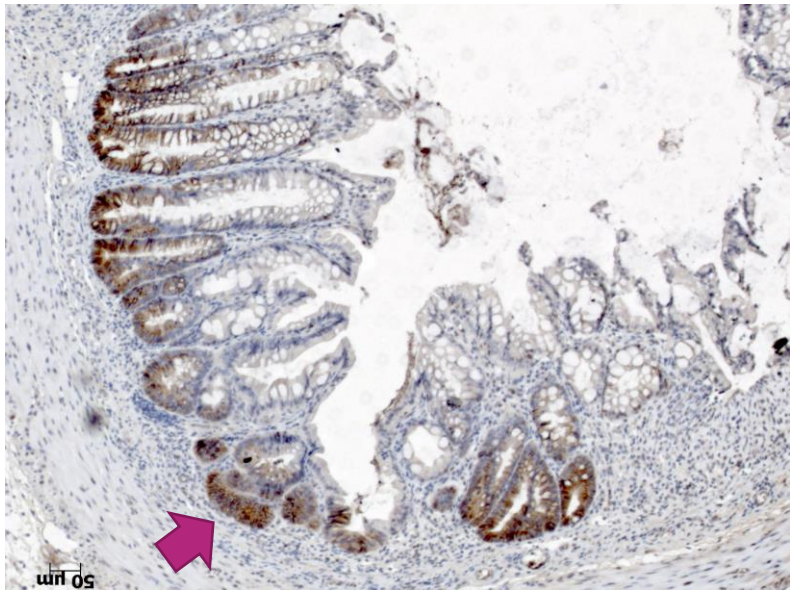

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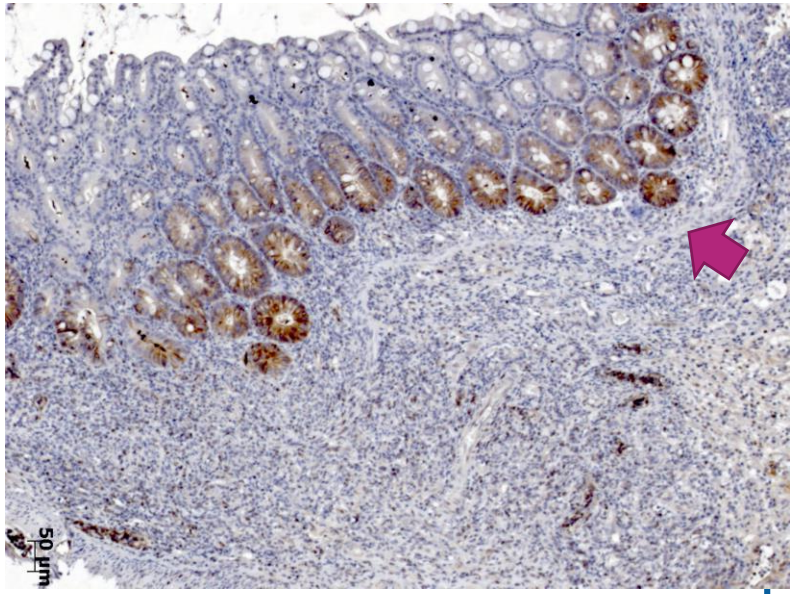

Adoptive transfer

Target validation: Human vs. *in vitro* ***models***

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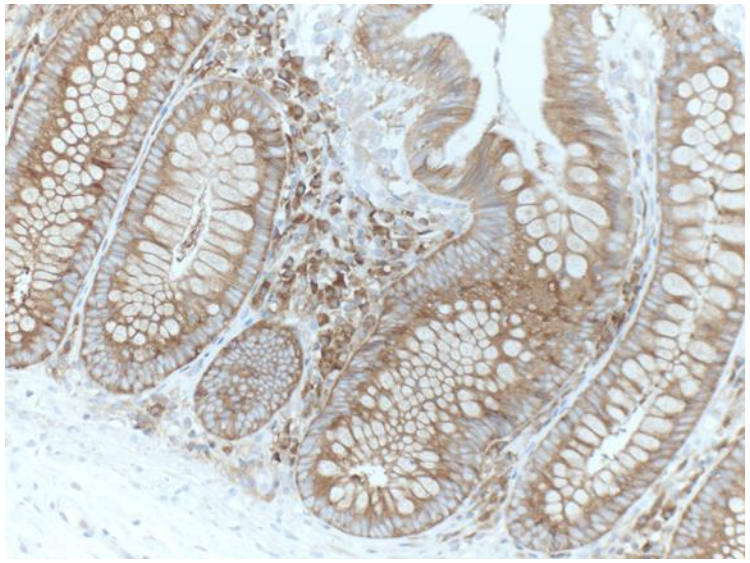
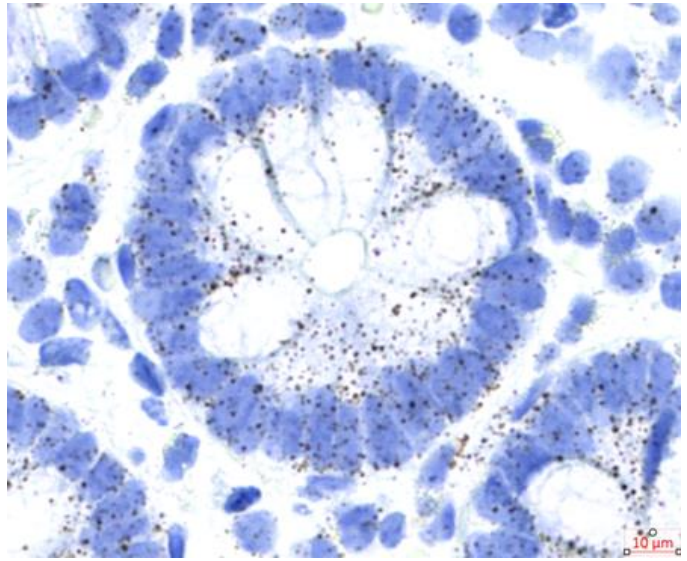
Target expression in human colon; IHC/ISH

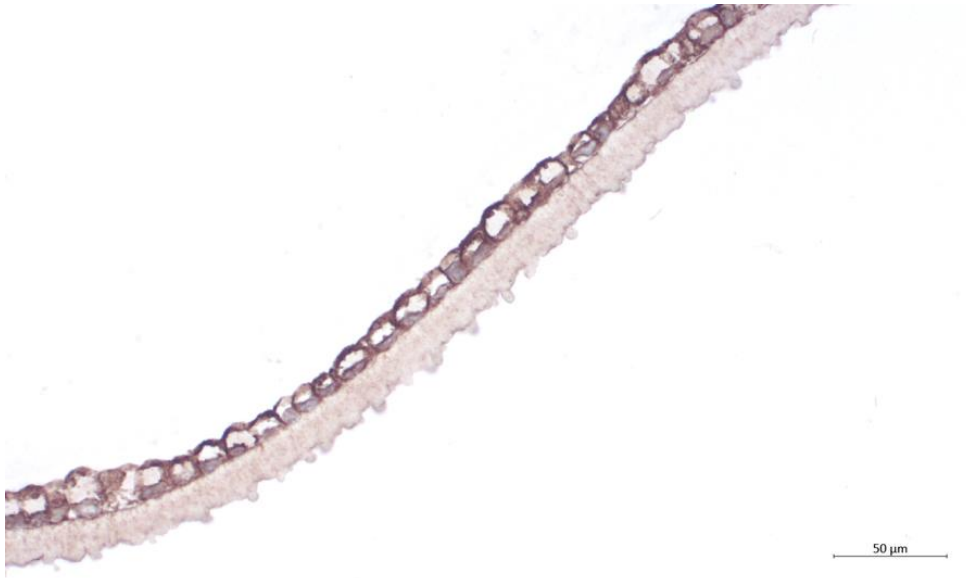


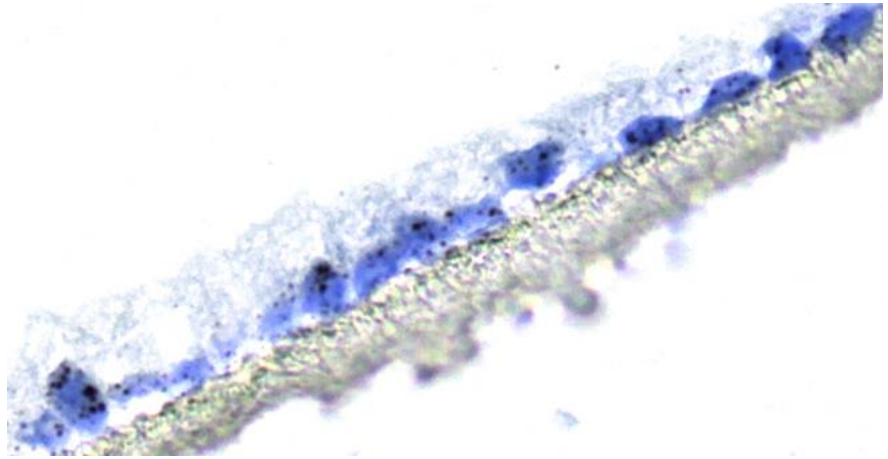
Protein,IHC



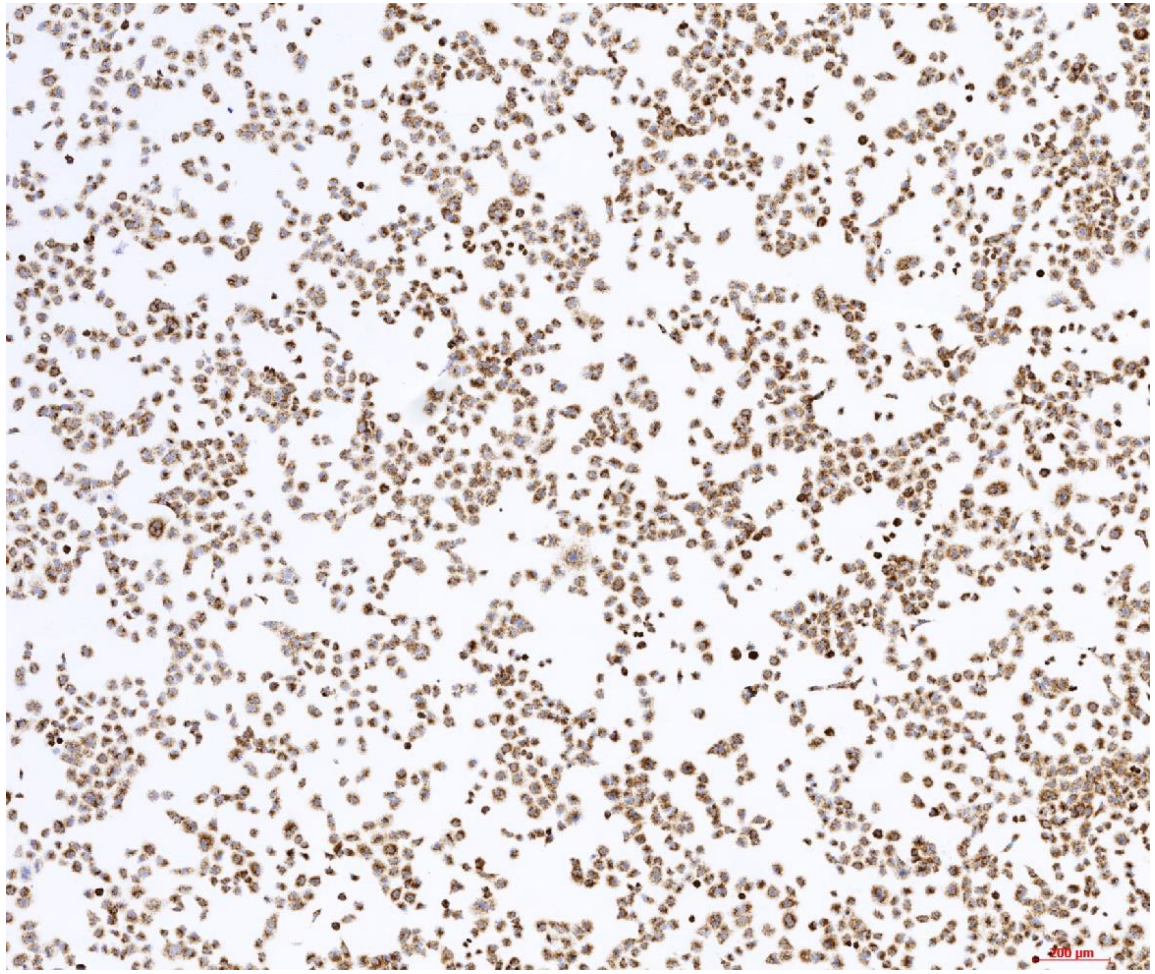
mRNA, ISH

Target expression in Caco2 cell line; IHC/ISH

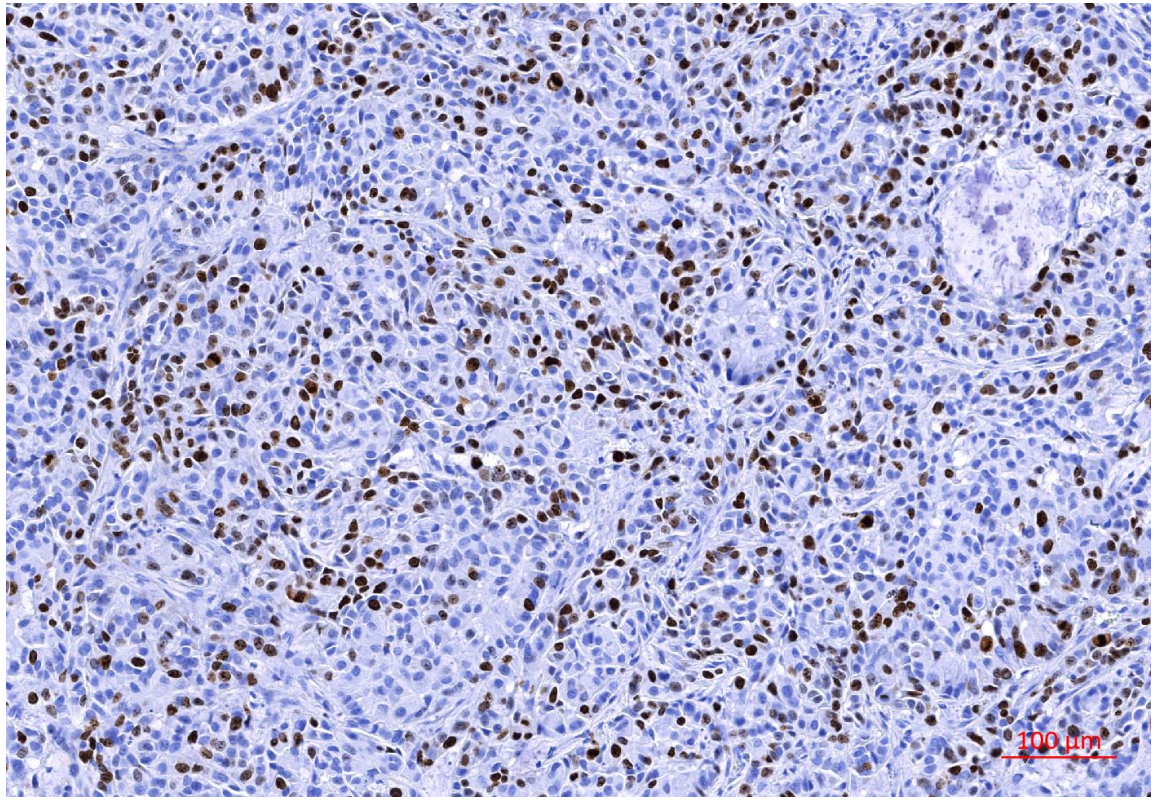




Target validation: *in vitro* ***vs.*** *in vivo* ***models***



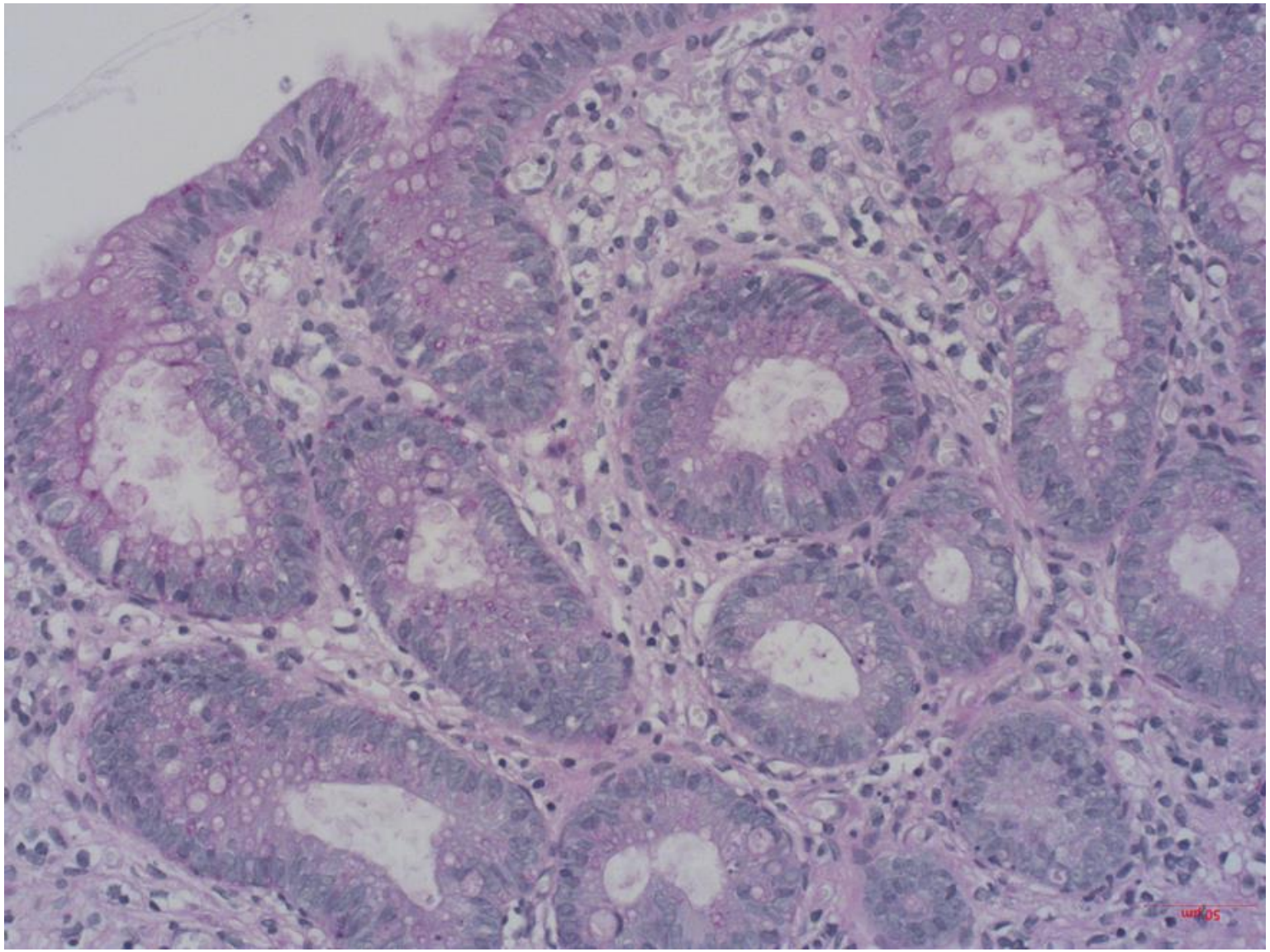
A549 cell-line grown on a slide, mRNA, ISH



A549 xenograft, protein,IHC

In vitro assays

Are results gained in *in vitro* assay affected by tissue alterations?



IBD, Colon biopsy at D1 in culture

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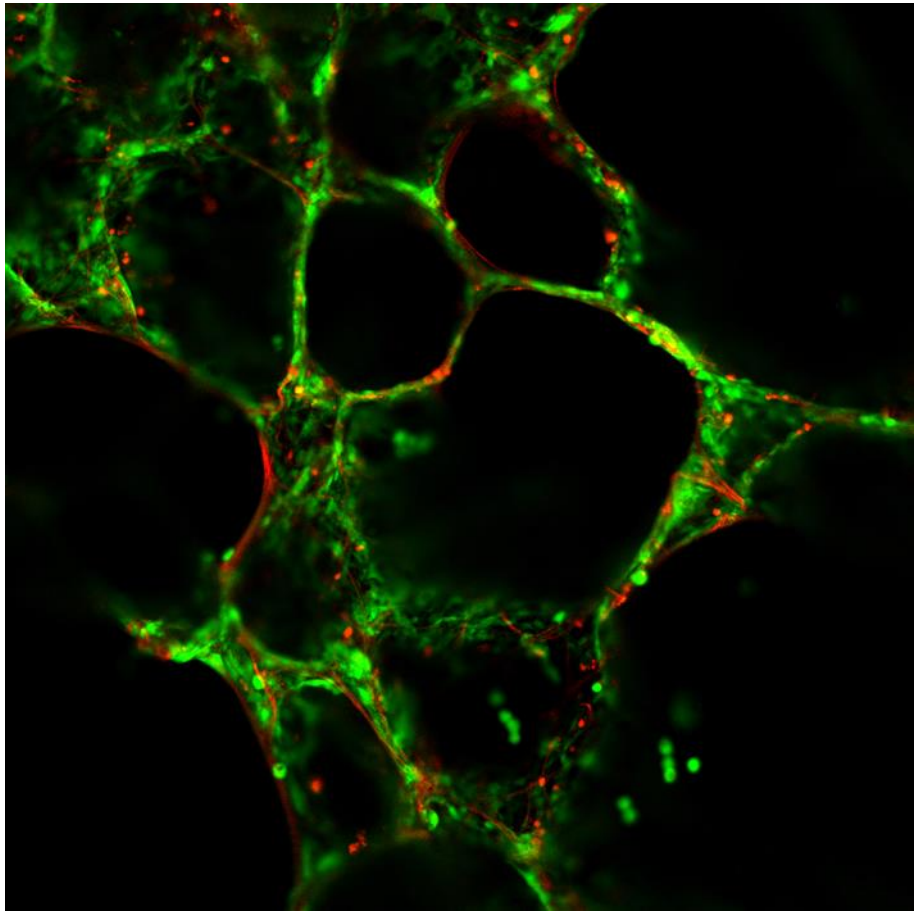
COPD, Precision cut human lung slices at D3 in culture



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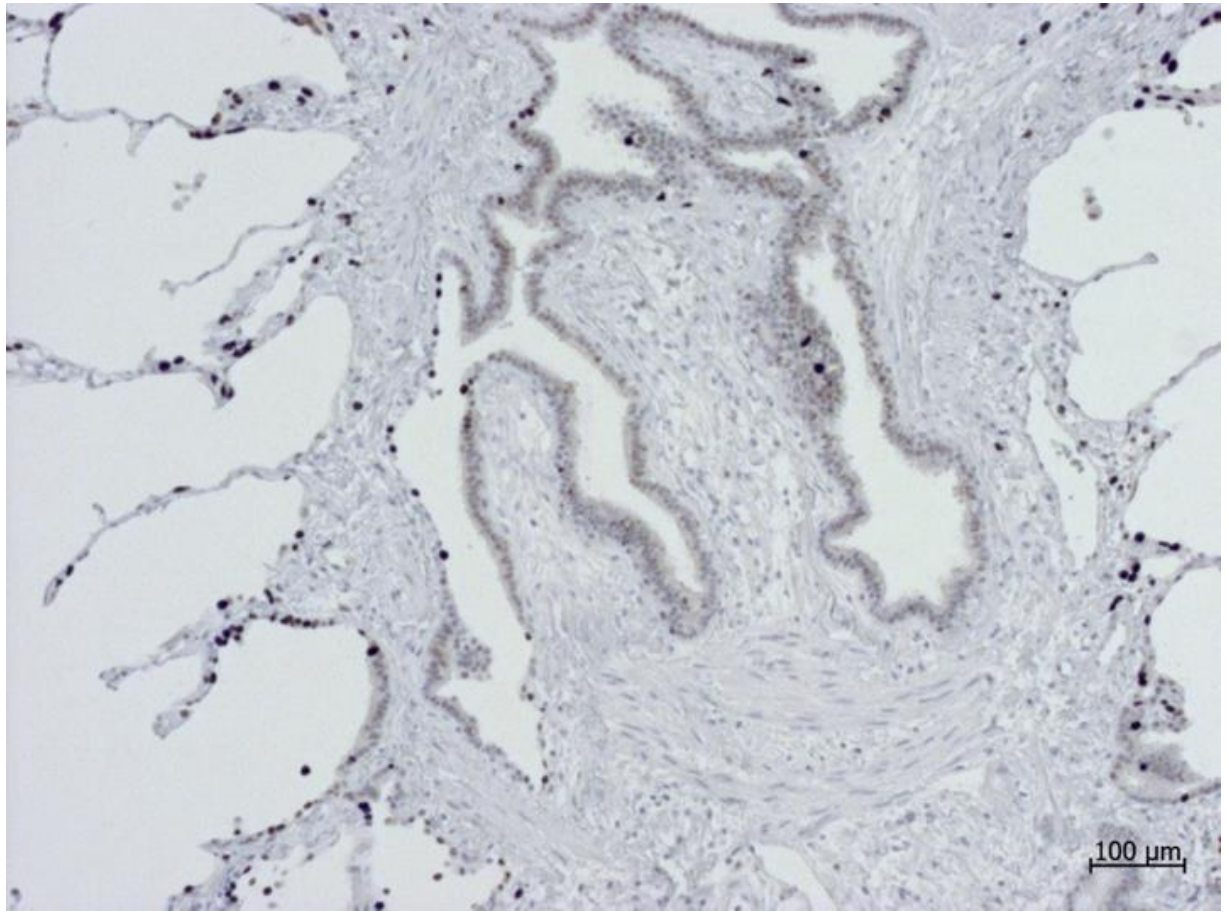

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Animal studies

Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis; CO1A1 IHC

Animal model: Target(s) validation

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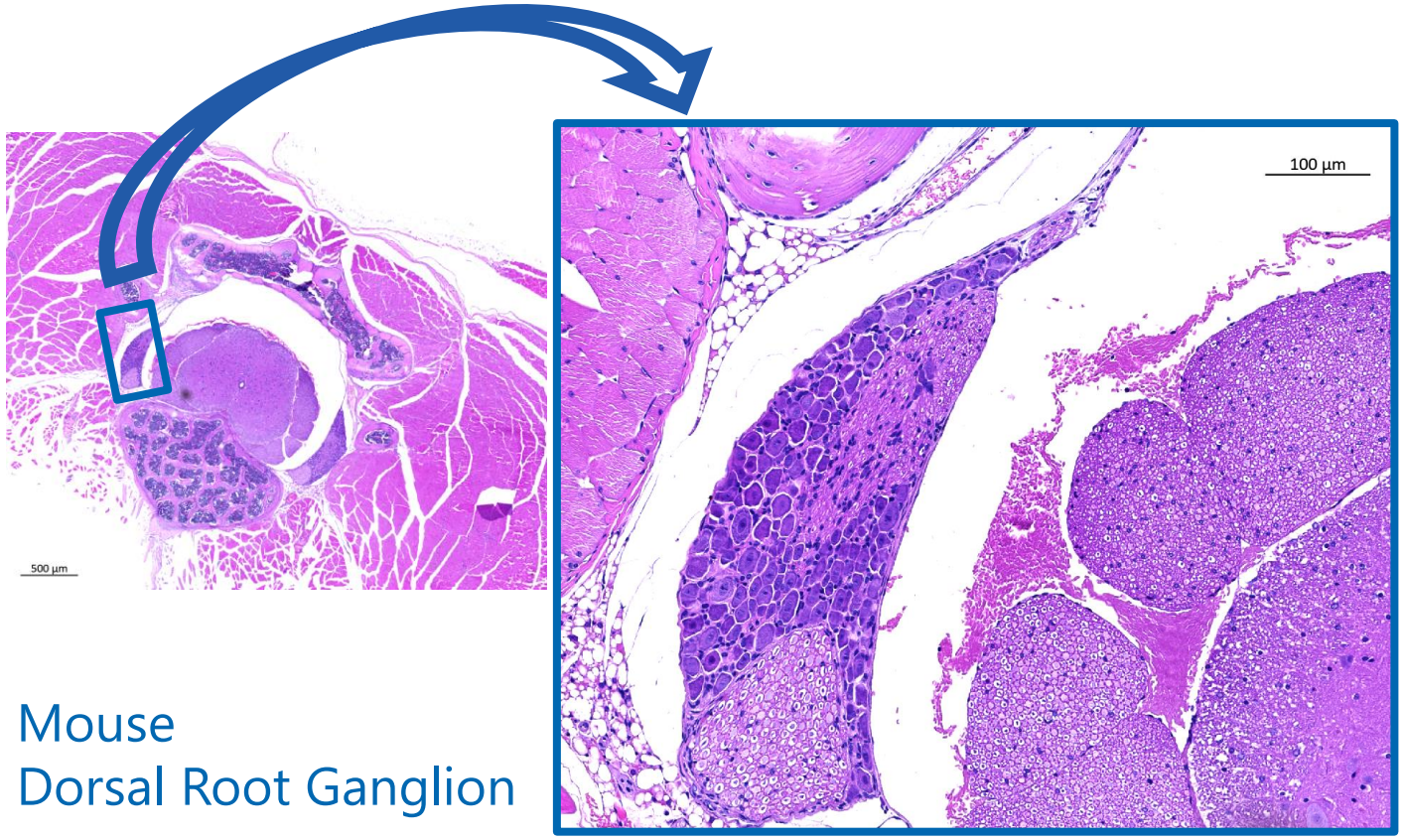
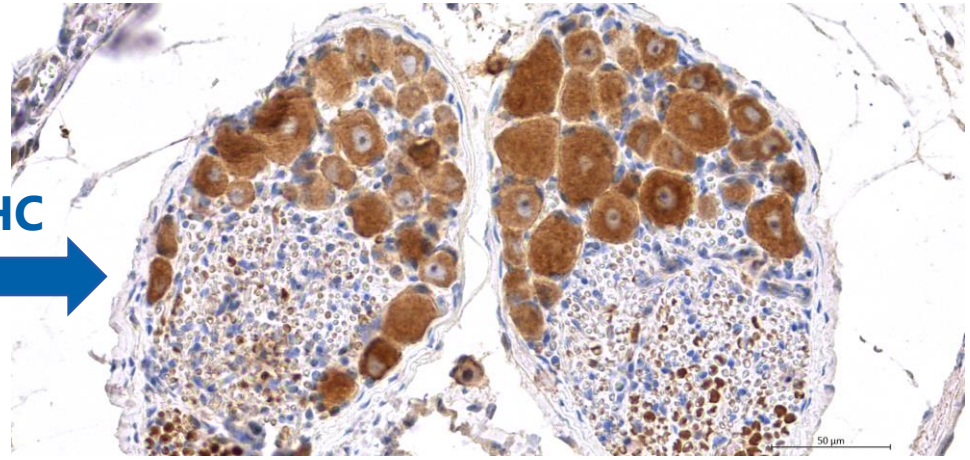
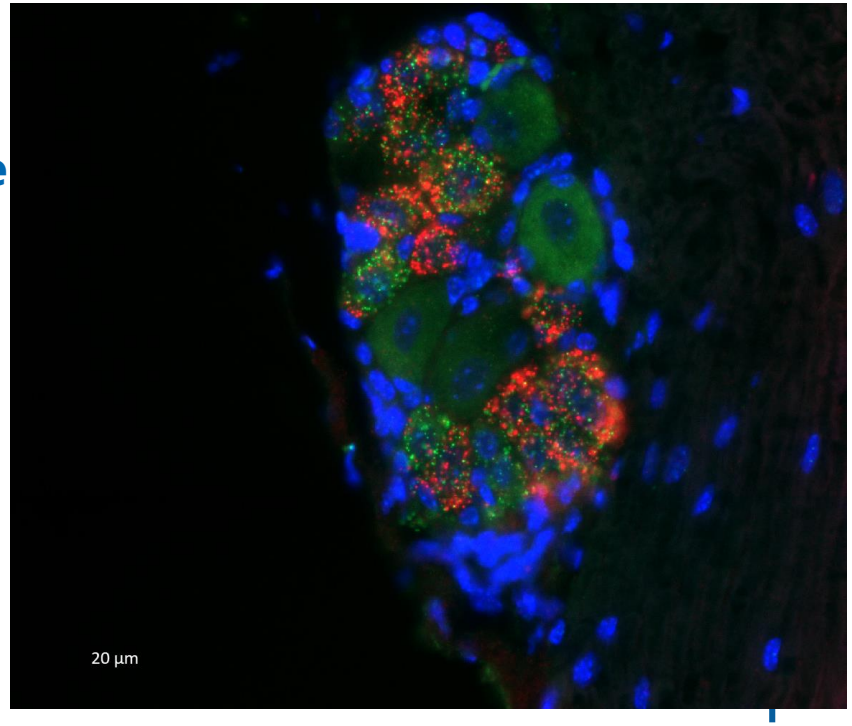


Mouse
Dorsal Root Ganglion

IHC



Double ISH



Animal model: Pathophysiology

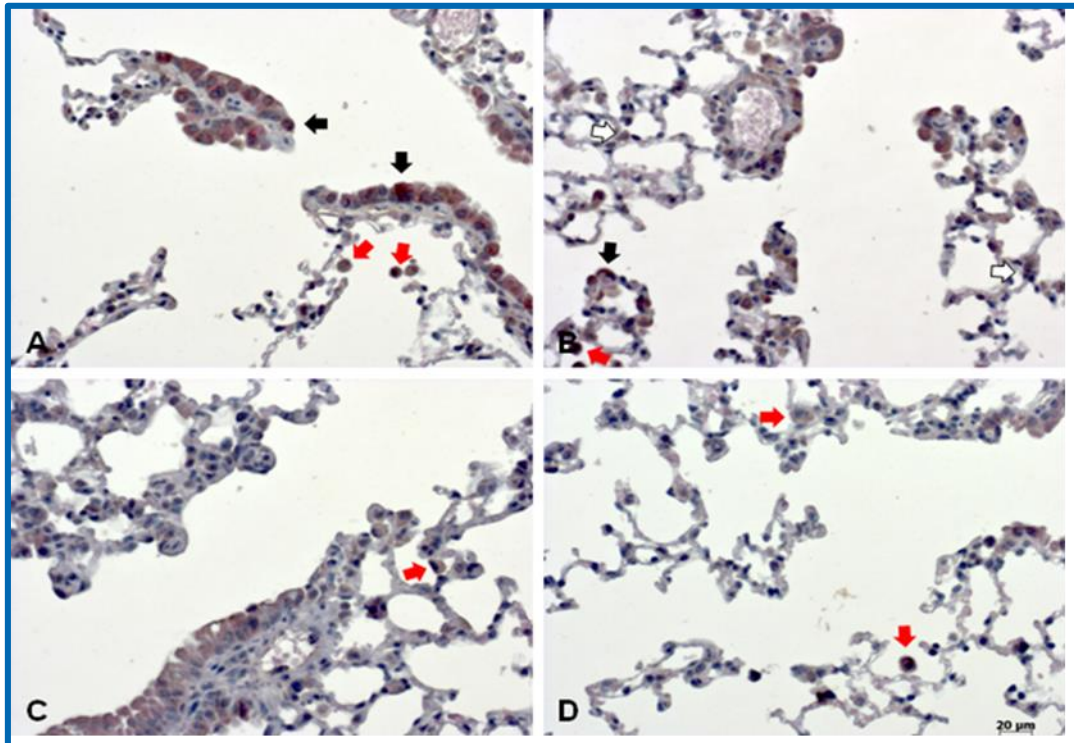


FIGURE 19.—Nitrotyrosine in sham exposed lungs (A) and after smoke exposure (B-D). Nitrotyrosine in sham exposed lungs (A) was present in the cytoplasm of alveolar macrophages (red arrow) and Clara cells (blue arrow). One day after exposure to smoke from 3 x 2 cigarettes for 2 consecutive days, cells lining alveolar ducts (black arrow) (B) and AEC-II (white arrow) (C) stained positive. Alveolar macrophage staining increased in comparison to that in sham-exposed lungs (red arrow) (C). At day 7 postexposure (D), only alveolar macrophages (red arrow) stained with variable intensity.

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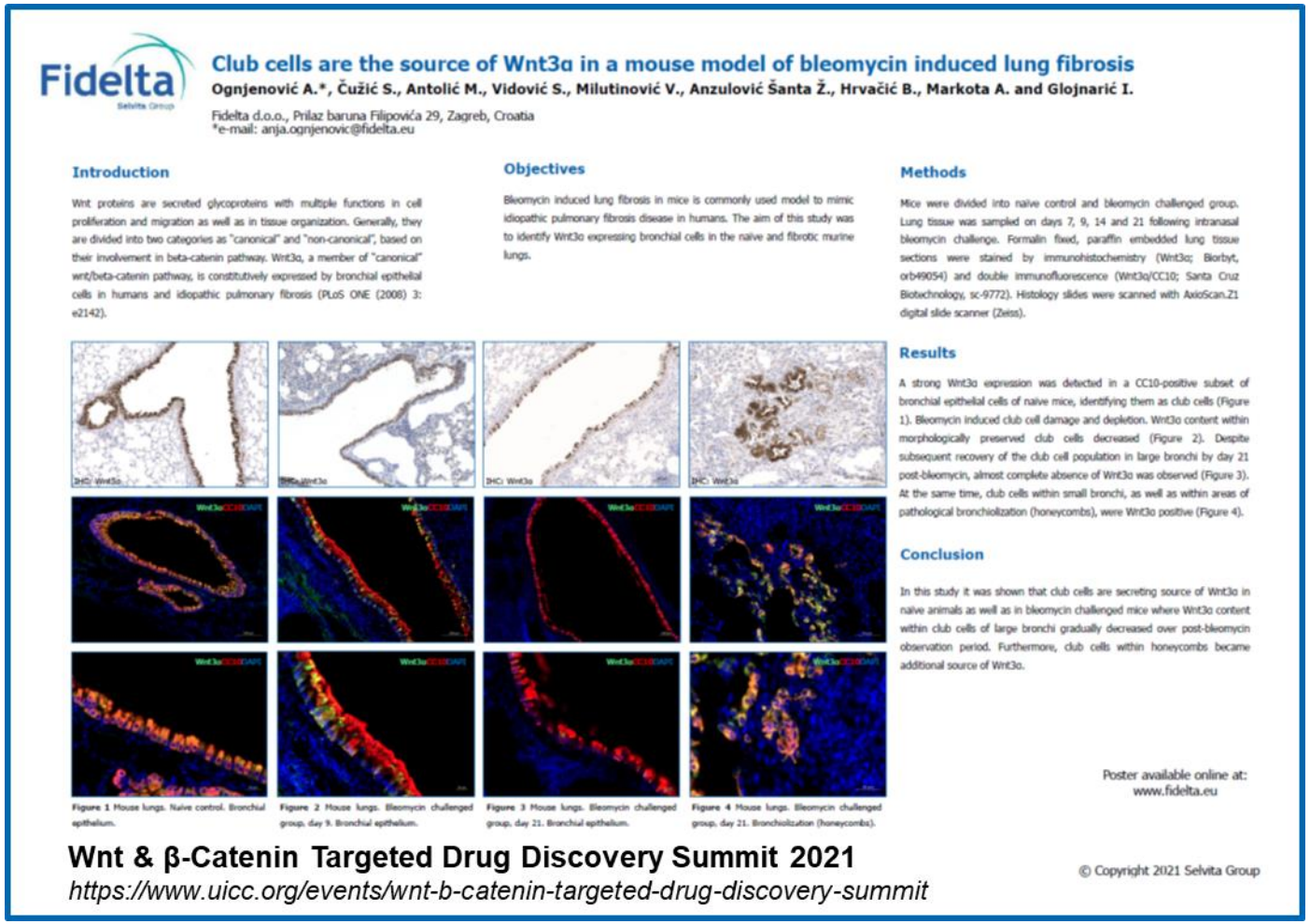

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Club cells are the source of Wnt3α in a mouse model of bleomycin induced lung fibrosis

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Introduction

Wnt proteins are secreted glycoproteins with multiple functions in cell proliferation and migration as well as in tissue organization. Generally, they are divided into two categories as "canonical" and "non-canonical", based on their involvement in beta-catenin pathway. Wnt3α, a member of "canonical" wnt/beta-catenin pathway, is constitutively expressed by bronchial epithelial cells in humans and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (PLoS ONE (2008) 3: e2142).

Objectives

Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis in mice is commonly used model to mimic idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis disease in humans. The aim of this study was to identify Wnt3α expressing bronchial cells in the naive and fibrotic murine lungs.

Methods

Mice were divided into naive control and bleomycin challenged group. Lung tissue was sampled on days 7, 9, 14 and 21 following intranasal bleomycin challenge. Formalin fixed, paraffin embedded lung tissue sections were stained by immunohistochemistry (Wnt3α; Biorbyt, orb49054) and double immunofluorescence (Wnt3α/CC10; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-9772). Histology slides were scanned with AxioScan.Z1 digital slide scanner (Zeiss).

Results

A strong Wnt3α expression was detected in a CC10-positive subset of bronchial epithelial cells of naive mice, identifying them as club cells (Figure 1). Bleomycin induced club cell damage and depletion. Wnt3α content within morphologically preserved club cells decreased (Figure 2). Despite subsequent recovery of the club cell population in large bronchi by day 21 post-bleomycin, almost complete absence of Wnt3α was observed (Figure 3). At the same time, club cells within small bronchi, as well as within areas of pathological bronchiolization (honeycombs), were Wnt3α positive (Figure 4).

Conclusion

In this study it was shown that club cells are secreting source of Wnt3α in naive animals as well as in bleomycin challenged mice where Wnt3α content within club cells of large bronchi gradually decreased over post-bleomycin observation period. Furthermore, club cells within honeycombs became additional source of Wnt3α.

Figure 1 Mouse lungs. Naive control. Bronchial epithelium.
Figure 2 Mouse lungs. Bleomycin challenged group, day 9. Bronchial epithelium.
Figure 3 Mouse lungs. Bleomycin challenged group, day 21. Bronchial epithelium.
Figure 4 Mouse lungs. Bleomycin challenged group, day 21. Bronchiolization (honeycombs).

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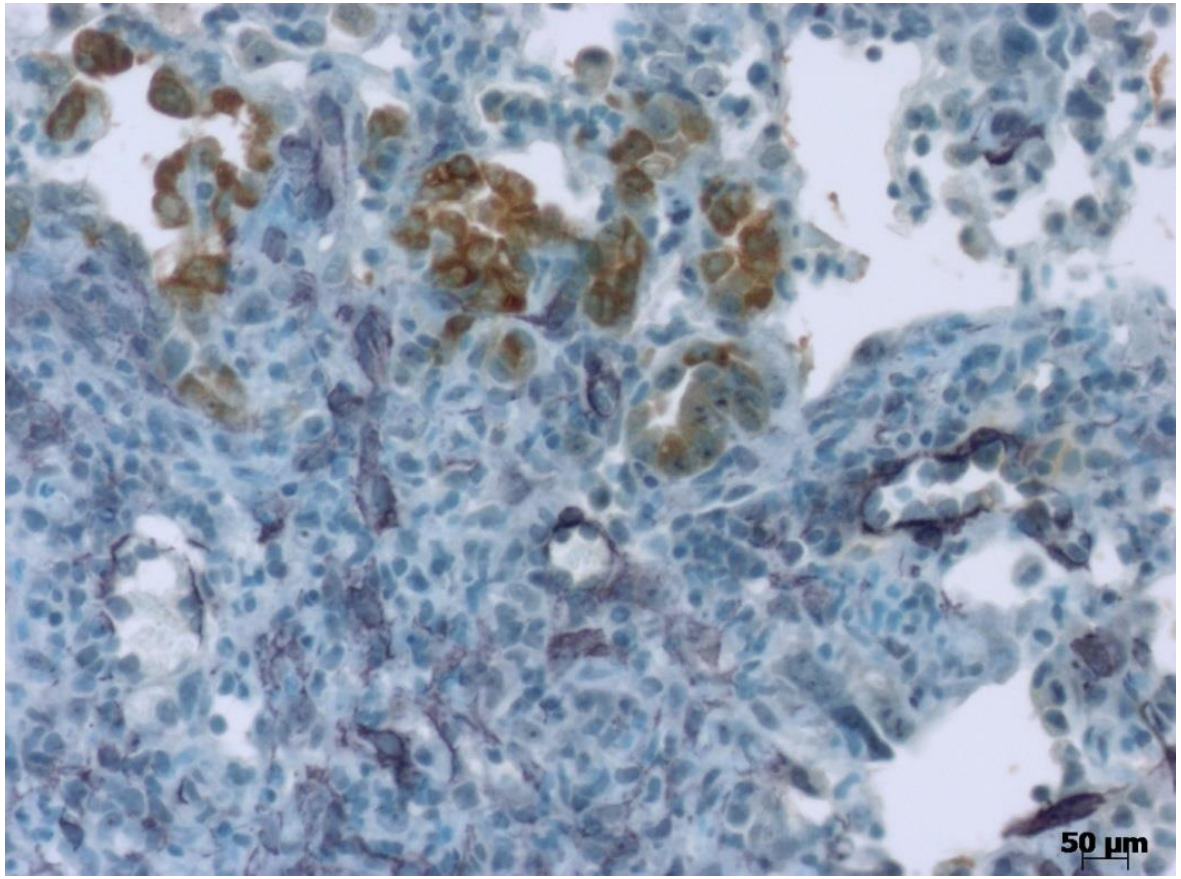
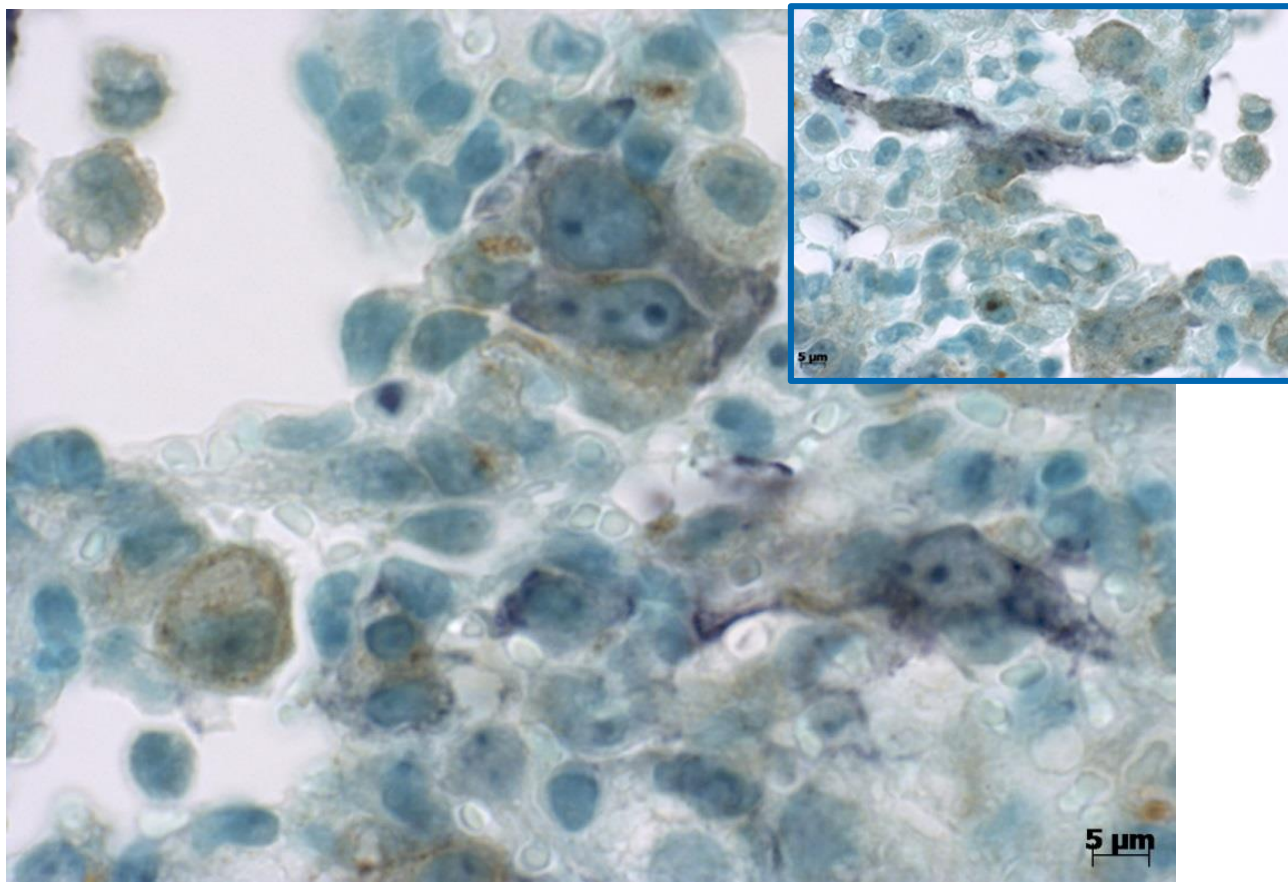
Bleomycin induced pulmonary fibrosis, *Pathological cell trans-differentiation*



Club cells and myofibroblasts
Uteroglobin/CC10 aSMA



Epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT)
Integrin aV aSMA

Animal model: Pathophysiology beyond "target" organ

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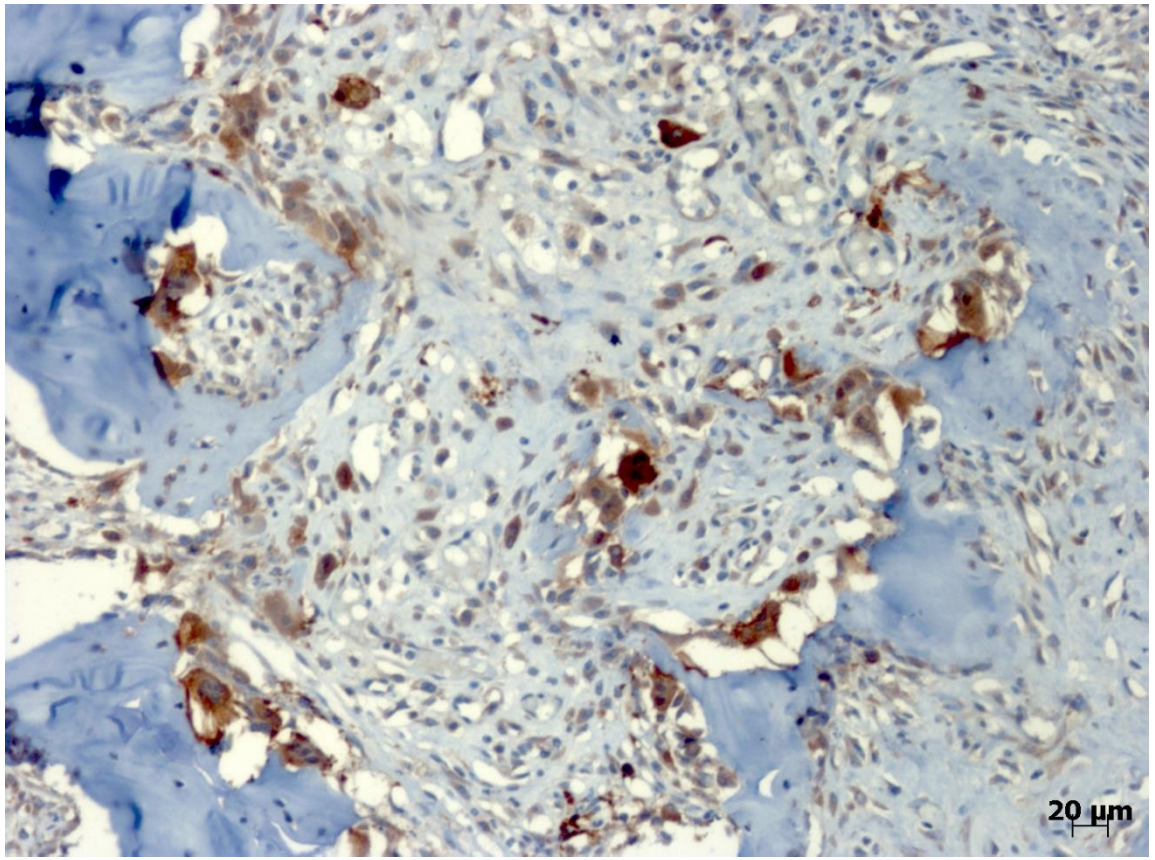
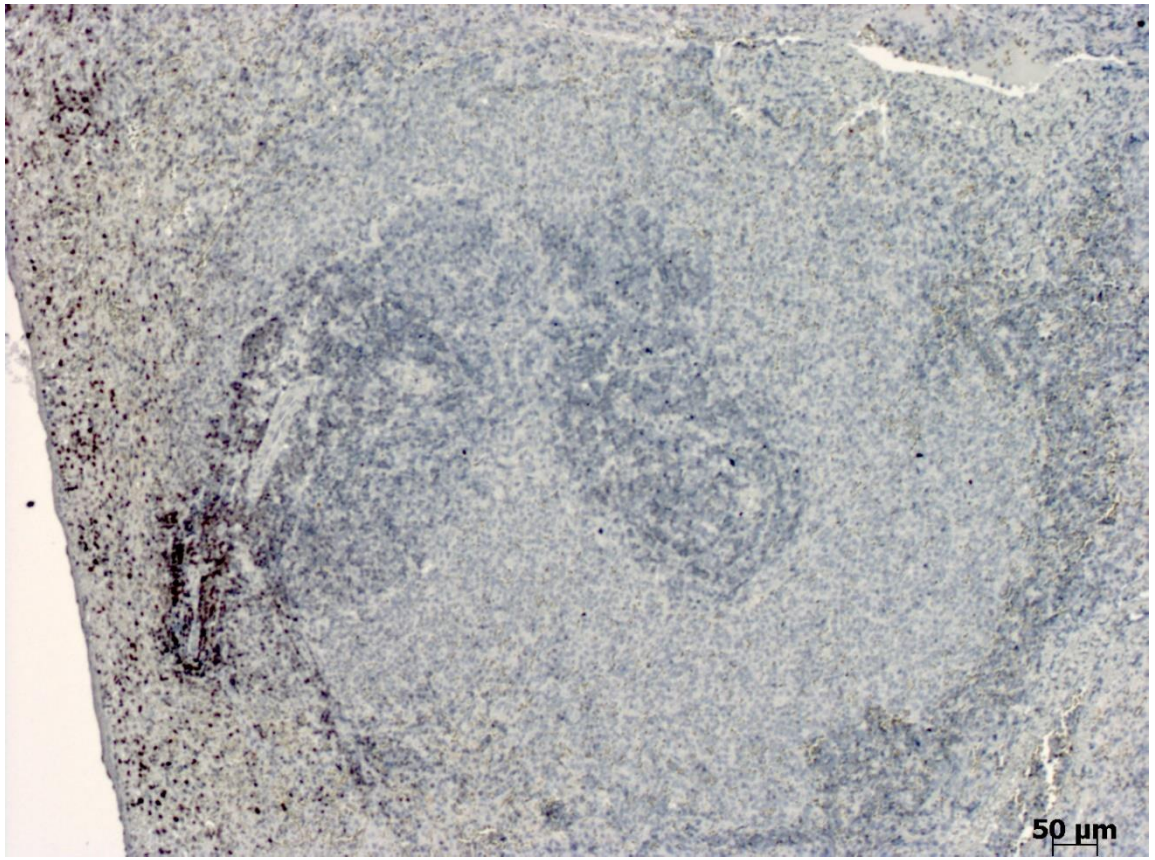
Structure/function alterations of one organ can result in structure/function alterations of other organ(s) and/or whole organism



Collagen induced arthritis, bone, MMP3 IHC



Collagen induced arthritis, spleen, target IHC

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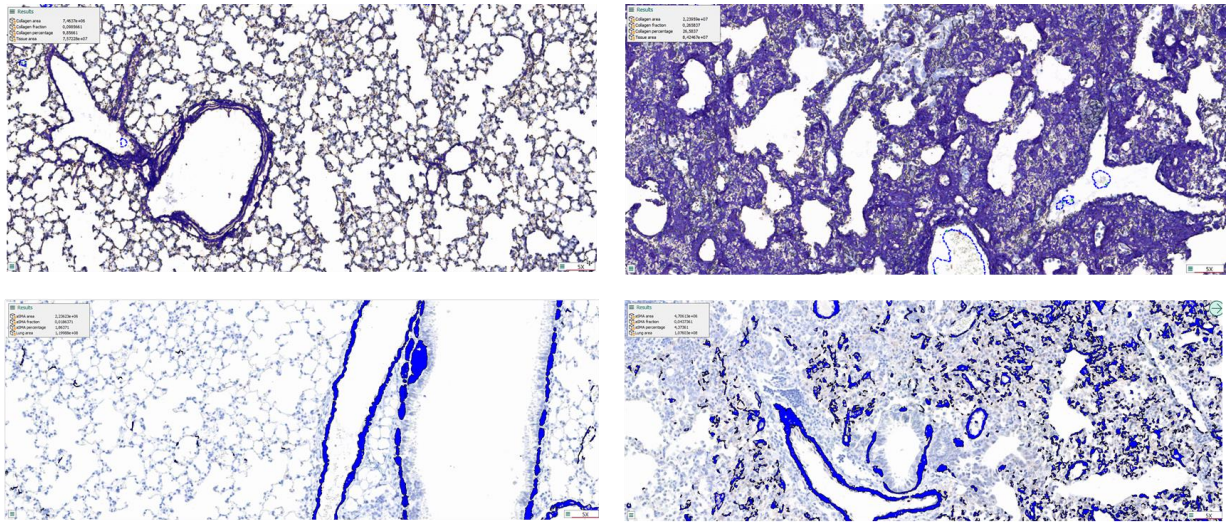
Analysis: Quantitave Digital image analysis (DIA)

COL1A1, IHC

αSMA, IHC

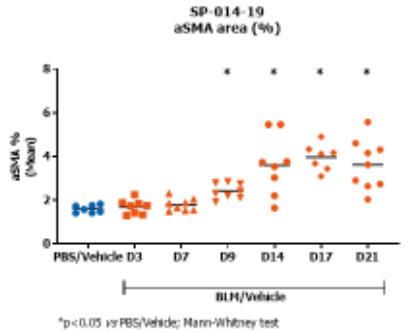


Negative control

BLM+ vehicle group

Results
Visiopharm software

aSMA area



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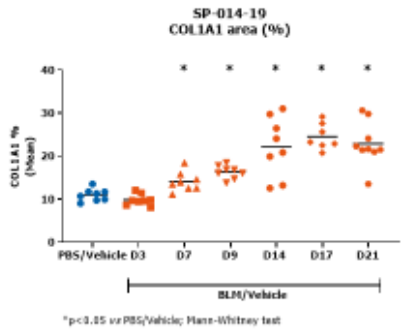

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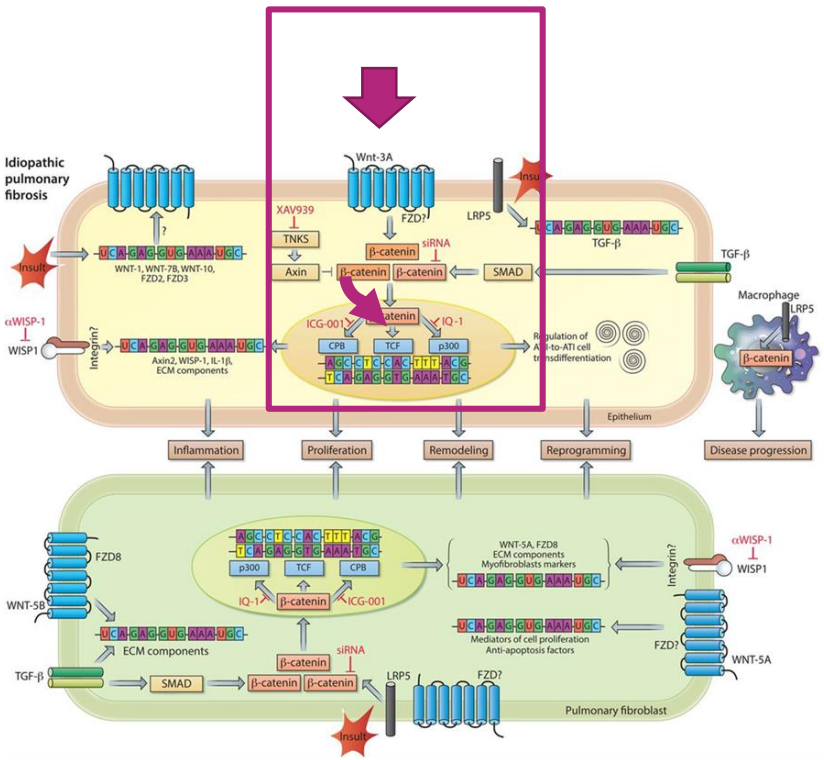

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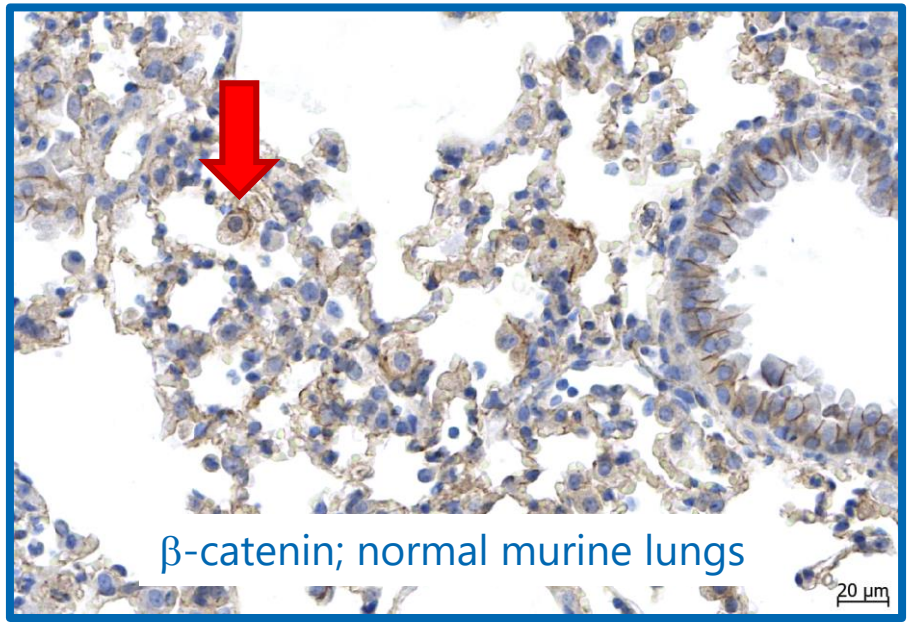

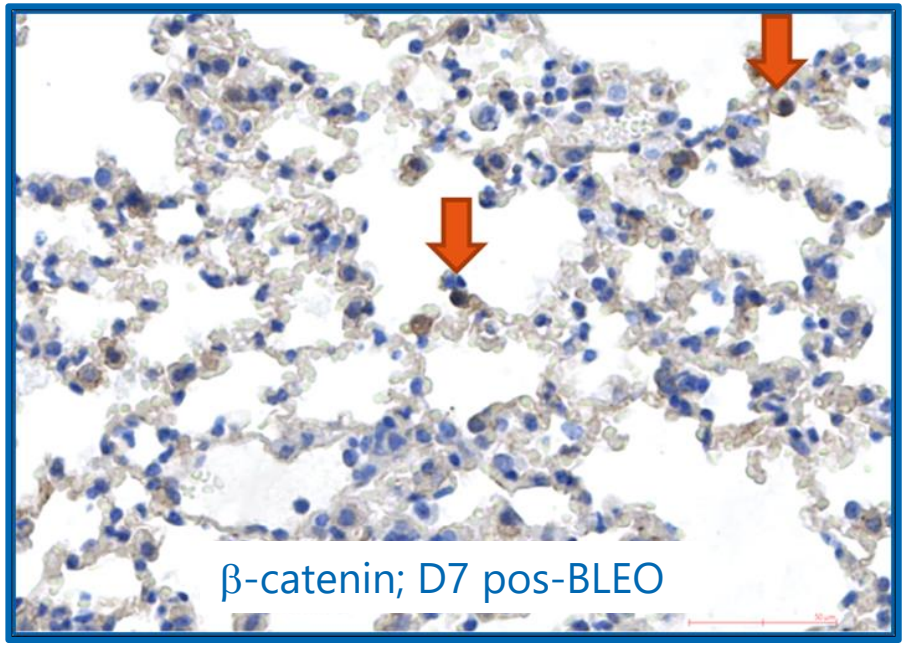

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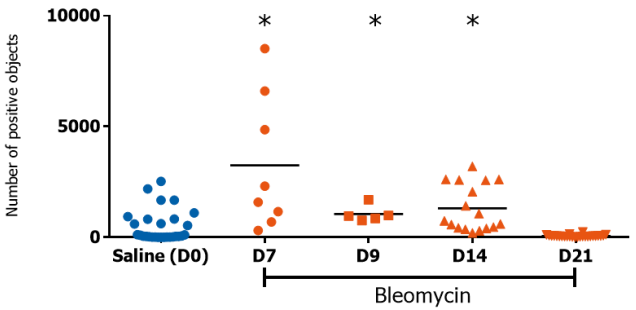

*p<0,05 vs D0; Mann-Whitney test

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Digital Localization and Quantification of WNT-3A Signalling-edited Target Approach in a 21 Day Murine Model of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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A translational value of pulmonary function tests in a mouse model of bleomycin-induced pulmonary fibrosis: effects of approved therapies Nintedanib and Pirfenidone

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Introduction

Pulmonary function tests (PFT's) routinely implemented in clinics are the first step in the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Evaluation of PFT's in the mouse model of pulmonary fibrosis accompanied by histological readouts may improve clinical predictability of new therapeutic candidates. Forced expiration (FE) parameters are considered as the most predictive for restrictive pulmonary disorders.
The aim of the study was to estimate the translational value of the PFT technique in the established mouse model by evaluating the effects of two approved therapies for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Pirfenidone and Nintedanib.

Materials & Methods

Bleomycin induced pulmonary fibrosis: Pulmonary fibrosis was induced in C57BL/6 male mice by intranasal application of 30 µg bleomycin. Both therapies were administered in preventive settings, from D0 till the end of experiment on D14. Nintedanib was administered at a dose of 60 mg/kg once daily, and Pirfenidone at a dose of 50 mg/kg twice daily. Fourteen days after bleomycin administration, pulmonary function measurements were performed and lungs were sampled for further pathohistological analyses.

Pulmonary function measurements: PFT's were assessed by using *in vivo* invasive lung function measurements system Buxco®- Forced Pulmonary Maneuvers®. Forced expiration tests (FE) were analyzed as main predictors of restrictive respiratory changes. Parameters as forced vital capacity (FVC), forced expiratory volume at 100 ms (FEV100) and peak expiratory flow (PEF) in combination with Pressure-volume and Flow-volume curves were the base of the interpretation.

Pathohistology: Paraffin embedded formalin fixed lung tissue were cut and stained according to Crossman. Matsuse modification of Ashcroft score (Eur Respir J (1999) 13:71-77) was used to evaluate fibrosis in lung specimens. Histology slides were scanned using Zeiss Axioscan.Z1 scanner. Myofibroblast (αSMA, IHC) accumulation and *de novo* collagen (COL1A1, IHC) deposition in lungs was assessed by digital image analysis (Calopix software, TRIBVN, France).

Statistical analysis: For all PFT's values, significance was analyzed in Buxco FinePointe software, by applying unpaired t-test. To define statistically significant differences of Ashcroft scores between bleomycin/vehicle and PBS/vehicle group, the evaluation was performed by Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test. Comparisons for immunohistochemical analyses were performed using Mann-Whitney Test (GraphPad Prism version 8.2.1). The level of significance was set at $p<0.05$ in all cases.

Conclusions

In contrast to Pirfenidone, Nintedanib treatment significantly improved PFT's parameters and Ashcroft score at day 14 post bleomycin challenge.

Significant correlation of functional tests and Ashcroft scores was confirmed.

Implementation of PFT, supported by the pathohistological evaluation could be a good platform to increase the translational value of the model.

Results

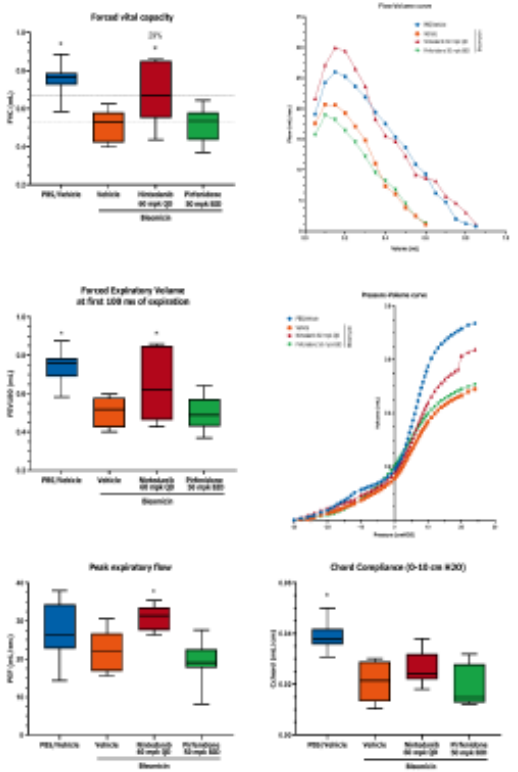

Figure 1. FE test curve with relevant parameters and P-V curve measured at D14 post BLM challenge. Significant improvement in group treated with Nintedanib in therapeutic regiment, observed at FVC (29% improvement over BLM/Vehicle), FEV 100, PEF supported by P-V and F-V curve trend.

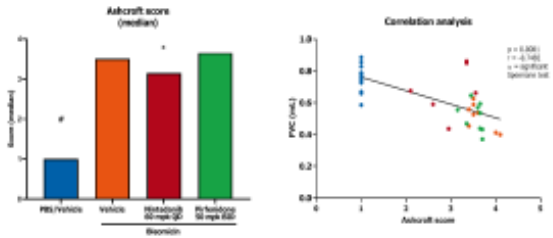

Figure 2. Ashcroft score; Nintedanib administration significantly attenuated Ashcroft score increased by BLM challenge. Significant Spearman's rank correlation dependence between histological Ashcroft score and PFT's FVC parameter values.

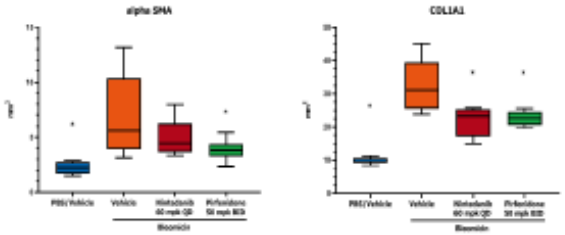

Figure 3. Digital pathology quantification results of α-SMA and COL1A1 positive lung surface; Pirfenidone therapy significantly reduced myofibroblast accumulation and collagen synthesis, while Nintedanib effect was more prominent on attenuation of collagen deposition.

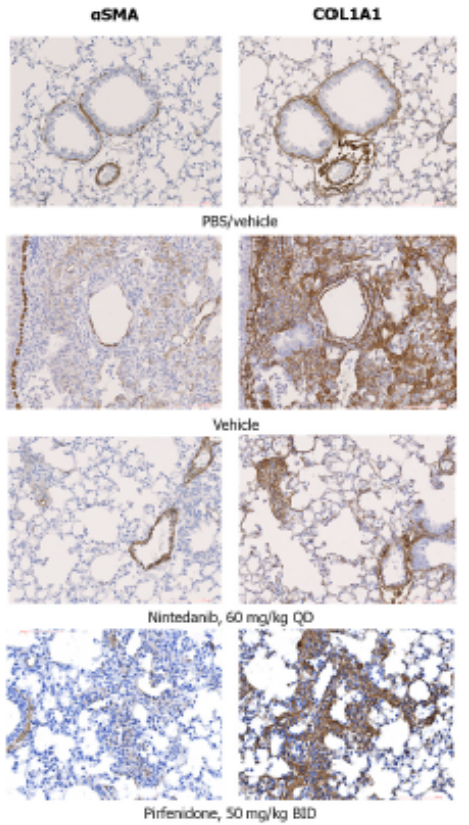

Figure 4. Representative pictures of myofibroblast (αSMA, IHC) accumulation and *de novo* collagen (COL1A1, IHC) deposition into alveolar wall and intra-alveolar space on D14 post bleomycin administration (Calopix software, TRIBVN, France). In Pirfenidone treated animals, elevated collagen accumulation and presence of inflammation cells is observed in alveolar space, while Nintedanib shows effect on resolution.

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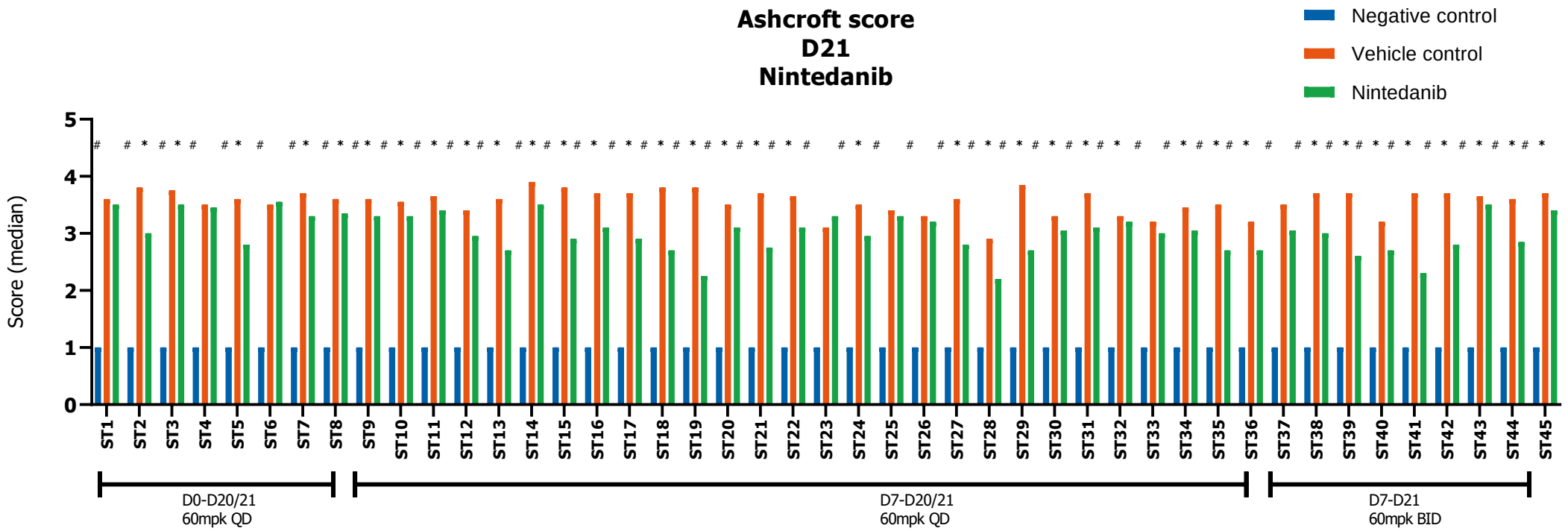
Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis: Ashcroft score



#p<0.05 *vs* Vehicle control; Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test
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RSV A2-19F infection model in BALB/c female mice

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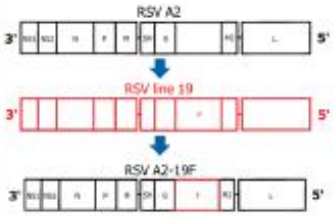
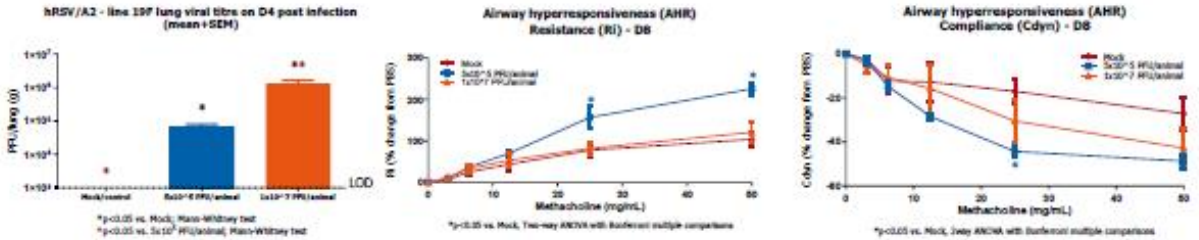


- Enhanced body weight change and clinical scores
- Enhanced inflammation and mucus production
- Enhanced bronchial and alveolar damage
- Enhanced airway hyperresponsiveness (AHR)
- Enhanced viral load

Lung viral load and airway hyperresponsiveness



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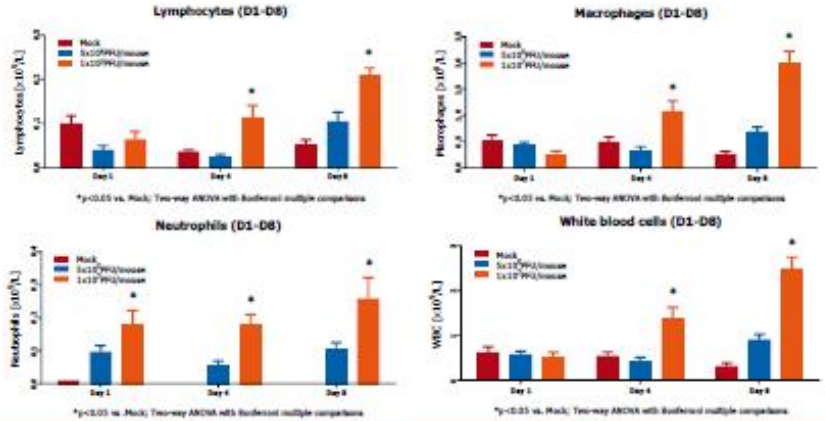

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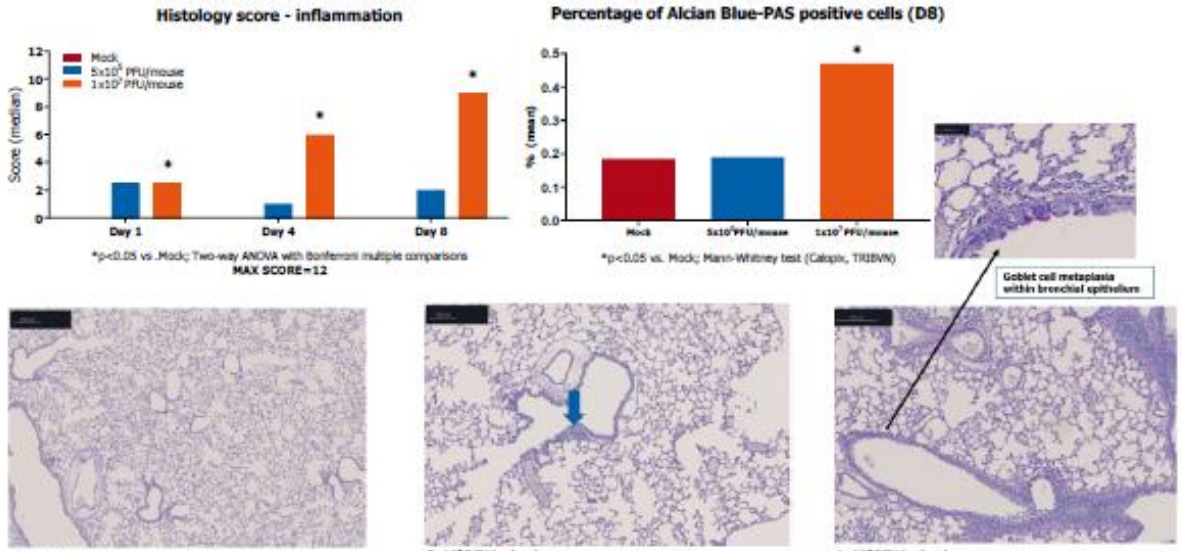

Read-outs:

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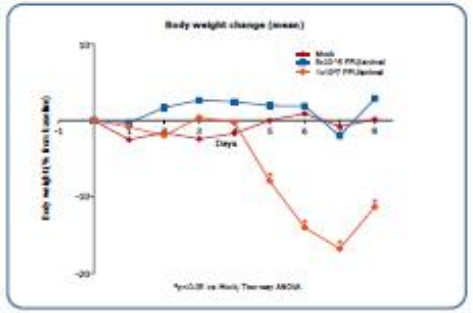
- BALF cell count
- BALF cytokines
- Body weight change
- Clinical scores
- Histopathology
- Lung viral load



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Animal model: Integrated data interpretation

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Claudin 3 – Healthy vs. IBD

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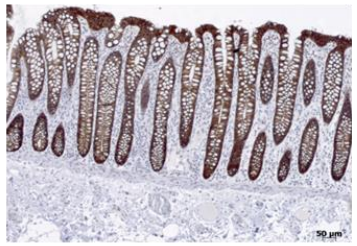

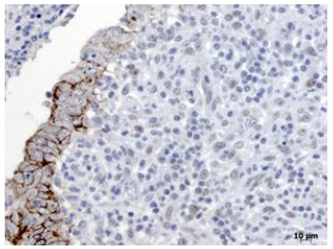

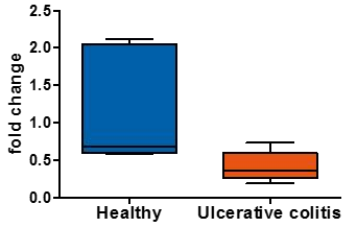

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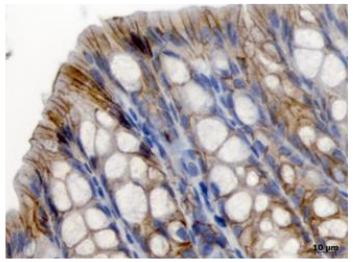

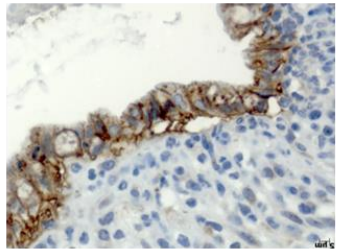

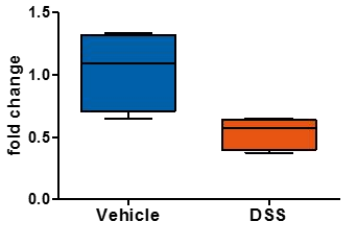

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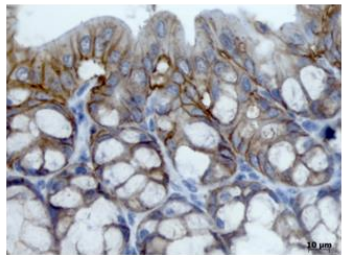

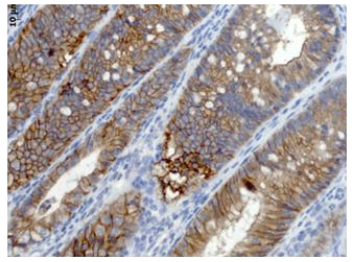

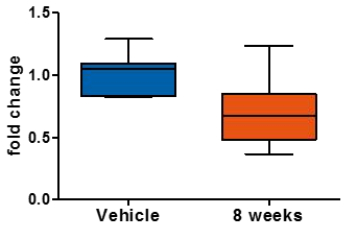

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Animal models: Mode of action

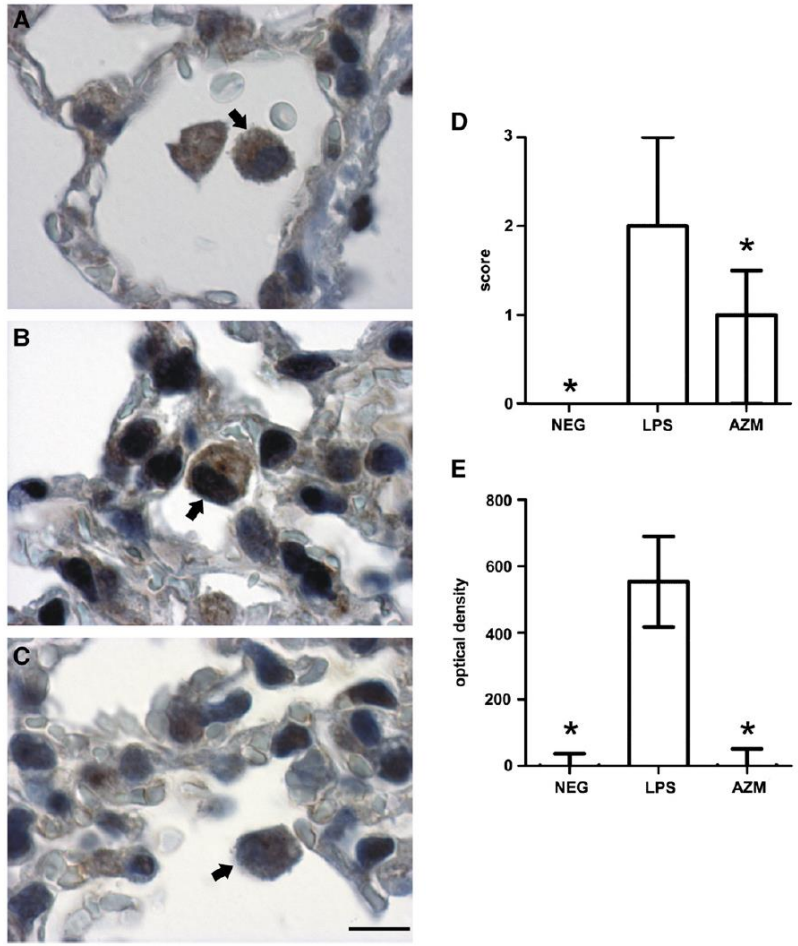

Fig. 3. Azithromycin treatment inhibited LPS-induced AP-1 activation in alveolar macrophages. Immunohistochemical detection of AP-1, 4 h after challenge with PBS (NEG) (A) or 2 μg of LPS (B and C). In tissue sections from LPS-challenged vehicle-treated animals (LPS), positively stained alveolar macrophages were observed (B). Azithromycin treatment (200 mg/kg, i.p.) (AZM) reduced AP-1 nuclear staining (C). Magnification 1000×. Scale bar, 10 μm. Quantification of nuclear AP-1 staining was done by scoring (D) and determination of optical densities of all macrophages present on three random fields (E). Scores are presented as median ± range. Optical densities are presented as means ± S.E.M. The asterisk (*) indicates significant difference ($P<0.05$) from LPS-challenged vehicle-treated animals, Mann Whitney test.

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Analysis: Semi-quantitave; Score

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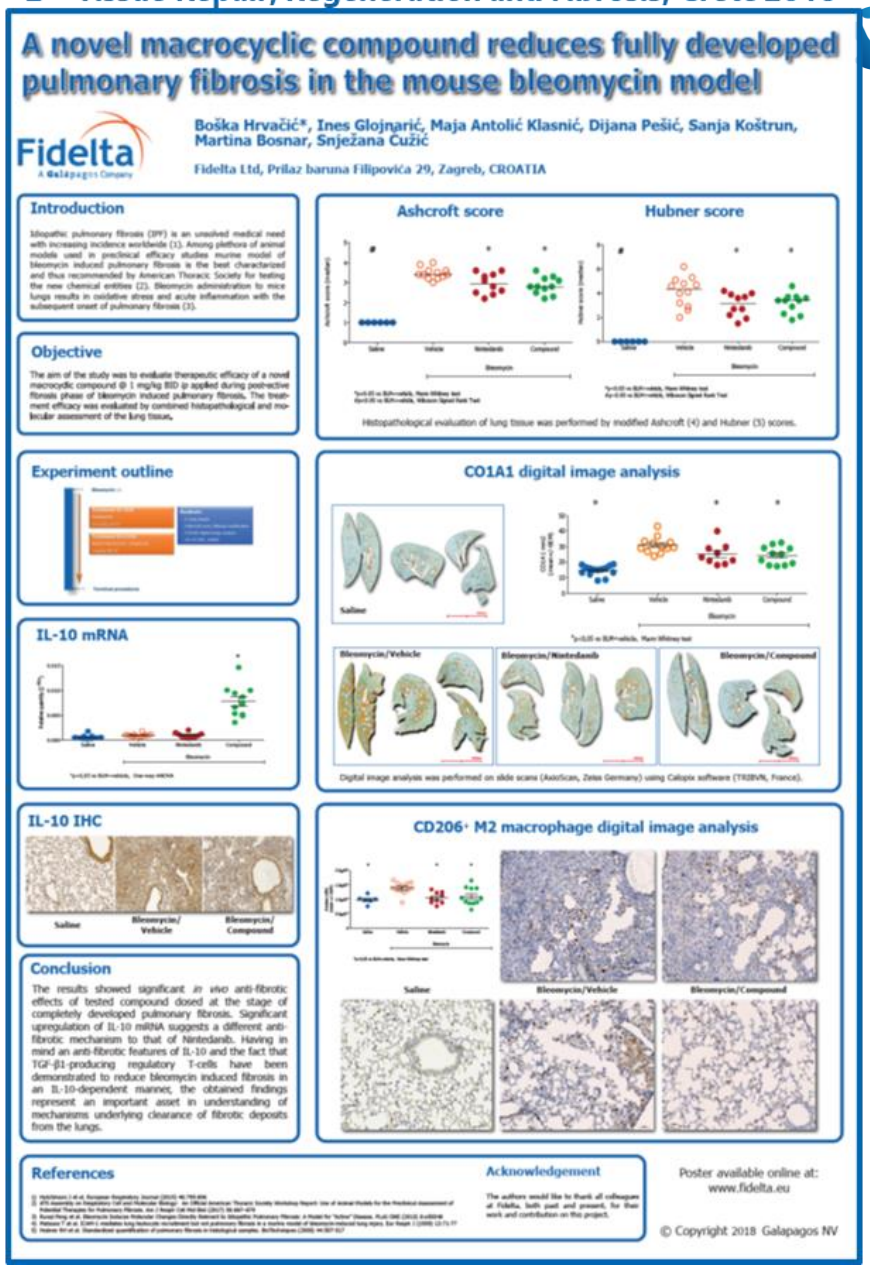

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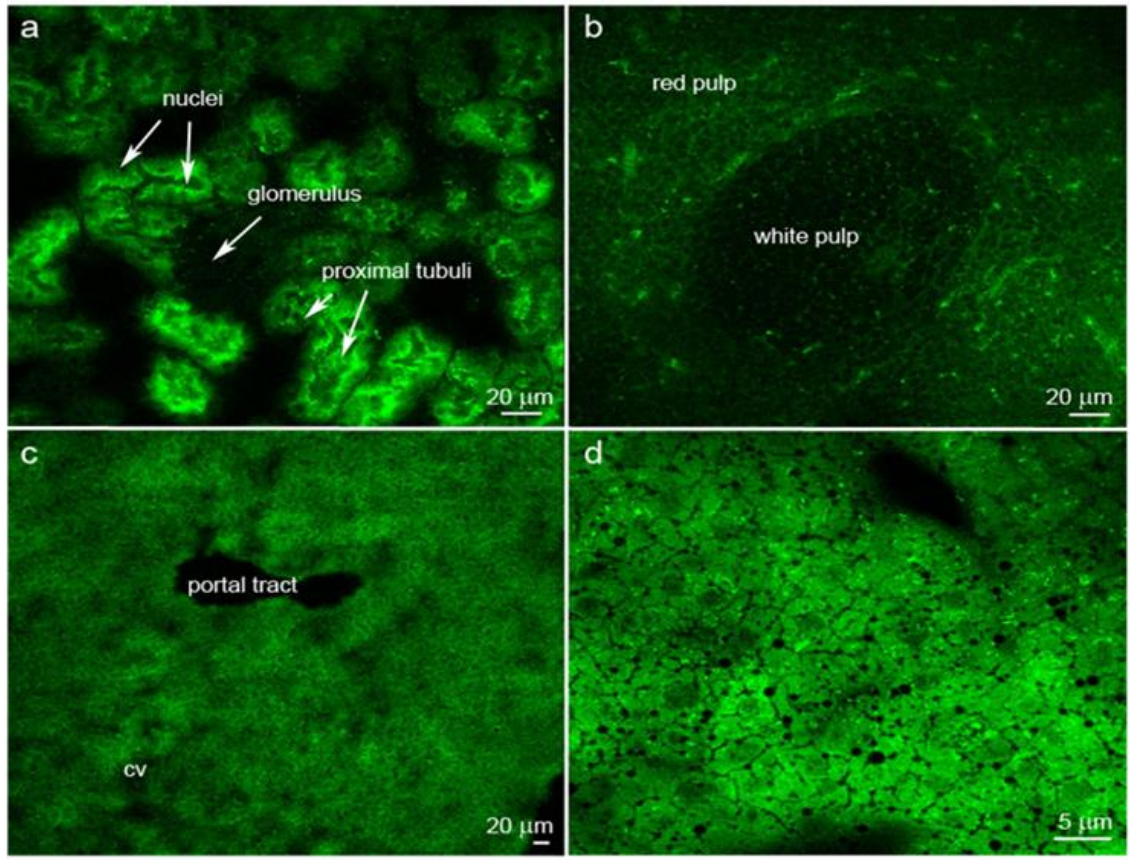

Azithromycin in kidney, spleen and liver 2 hours after *iv* application

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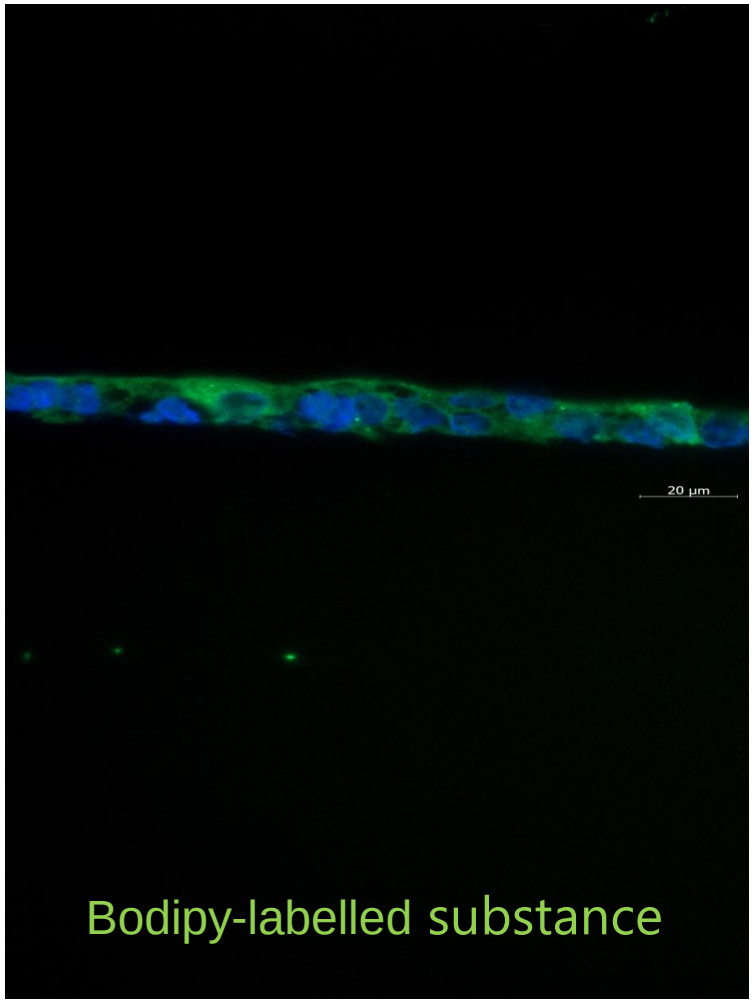

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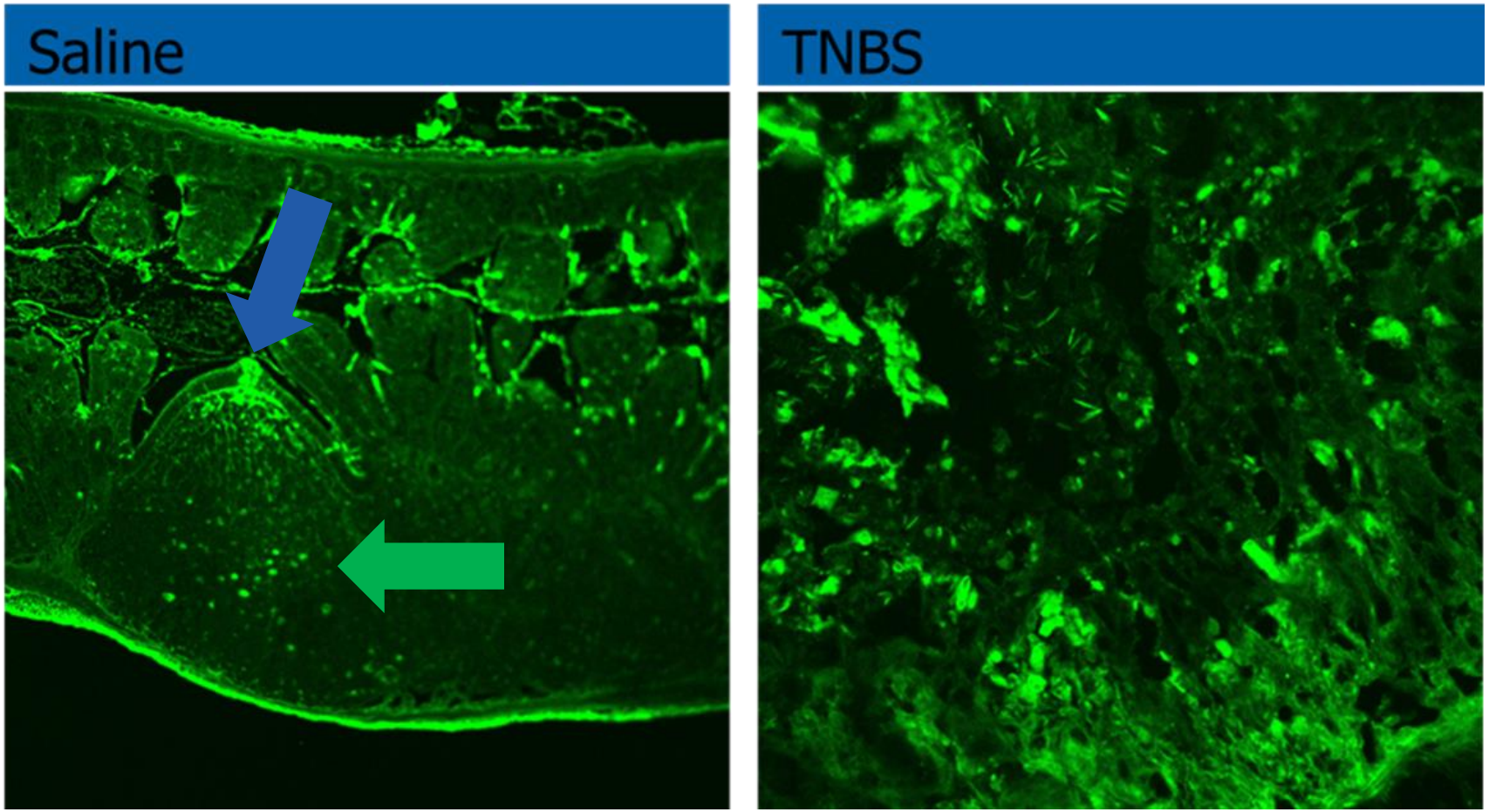

Intestinal lymphoid tissue M-cells

Animal models: Adverse effects
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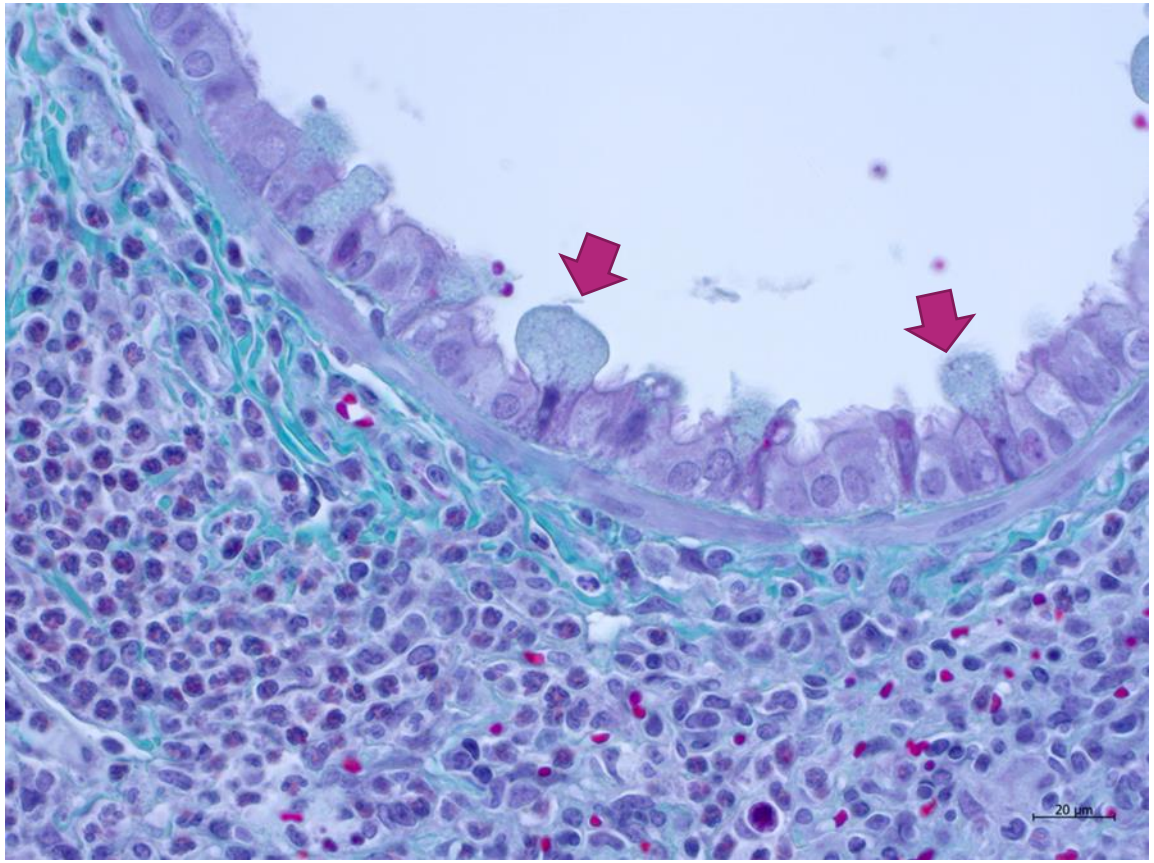

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Evaluation of Hydroxypropyl-beta-Cyclodextrin (HPβCD) as formulation vehicle for use in general toxicity studies in mice

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Introduction

The standardization of vehicle use across the industry is hindered by the varied physicochemical properties of new chemical entities in development and tendency of a sponsor to use vehicles with which they have previous experience (1). Moreover, a survey of the pharmaceutical industry revealed highly divergent vehicle use (2).
Since unexpected vehicle-related toxicities can be difficult to segregate from NCE-related toxicities, there is a need for critical assessment of the vehicle suitability prior to use in safety studies.
HPβCD is a commonly used pharmaceutical excipient, well tolerated in humans and considered non-toxic following oral administration (3, 4). However, limited data is available to support use of HPβCD in toxicology studies in mice.

Objective

The aim of the present study was to evaluate the usefulness of HPβCD as a vehicle in repeat-dose preclinical safety studies in mice.

Materials and Methods

1000 mg/kg of HPβCD (Roquette, Italia S.p.A.) in purified water (10% w/v, pH3) has been administered by the oral route (gavage) to male CD1 mice for 5 days, UID or BID. Animals were sacrificed at D6.

Clinical Observations
On D1, between 30 and 90 minutes after administration, and on D5 the animals were submitted to a full clinical examination outside the housing cage, including functional and neurobehavioral tests.
Animals were weighed on D1 and D5.

Clinical Biochemistry
Activity of alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP), as well as concentrations of total bilirubin and total cholesterol were determined in serum using Olympus AU400 Clinical Chemistry Analyser.

Histopathology
Livers were weighed, fixed in formaldehyde, paraffin embedded and stained with hematoxiline-eosine.

Results

Clinical Observations

Mortality / Morbidity: No death occured during the study
Clinical signs: No clinical signs were observed during the study

Results

Clinical Biochemistry
Formulations containing HPβCD induced severe increase in serum aspartate-(AST) and alanine (ALT) aminotransferase activity compared to saline control. More pronounced effects were observed in animals dosed twice daily (40-fold increase in AST activity and 15-fold increase in the mean ALT activity).
There were no changes in the mean total bilirubin and cholesterol concentrations in serum of animals treated with HPβCD as compared to saline control.

Results

Histopathology
No significant increase in liver weight was observed.
In both groups treated with HPβCD moderate to severe necrosis was noted in hepatic acinar zone 2 and acinar zone 3.
Atrophic hepatocytes in acinar zone 2 were recorded in animals treated with HPβCD once daily.

Discussion

In order to evaluate the use of HPβCD as a pharmaceutical excipient, numerou toxicological studies on laboratory animals have been performed. It has been noted, th in laboratory rodents oral HPβCD administration at a dose of ≥1000 mg/kg/day can induc elevation of liver enzymes in plasma. In male CD1 mice receiving 1000 mg/kg HPβCD f 13 weeks, ALT activity in serum was elevated, but this finding was not accompanied b alterations in liver morphology (1). In rats, HPβCD applied orally for 7 days at a dose 4500 mg/kg/day 45% w/v and 14 days at a dose of 2250 mg/kg/day 45% w/v, induce elevation of liver enzyme levels in plasma (ALT, AST, GLDH) without any histopathologic changes (5).

Conclusion

It is suggested, based on the presented results, that formulations containing HPβC should be used with caution in mice since HPβCD may induce hepatocyte necrosi accompanied by severe elevation of serum transaminase activity. These findings could b of critical importance for interpretation of data in preclinical safety studies in mice.

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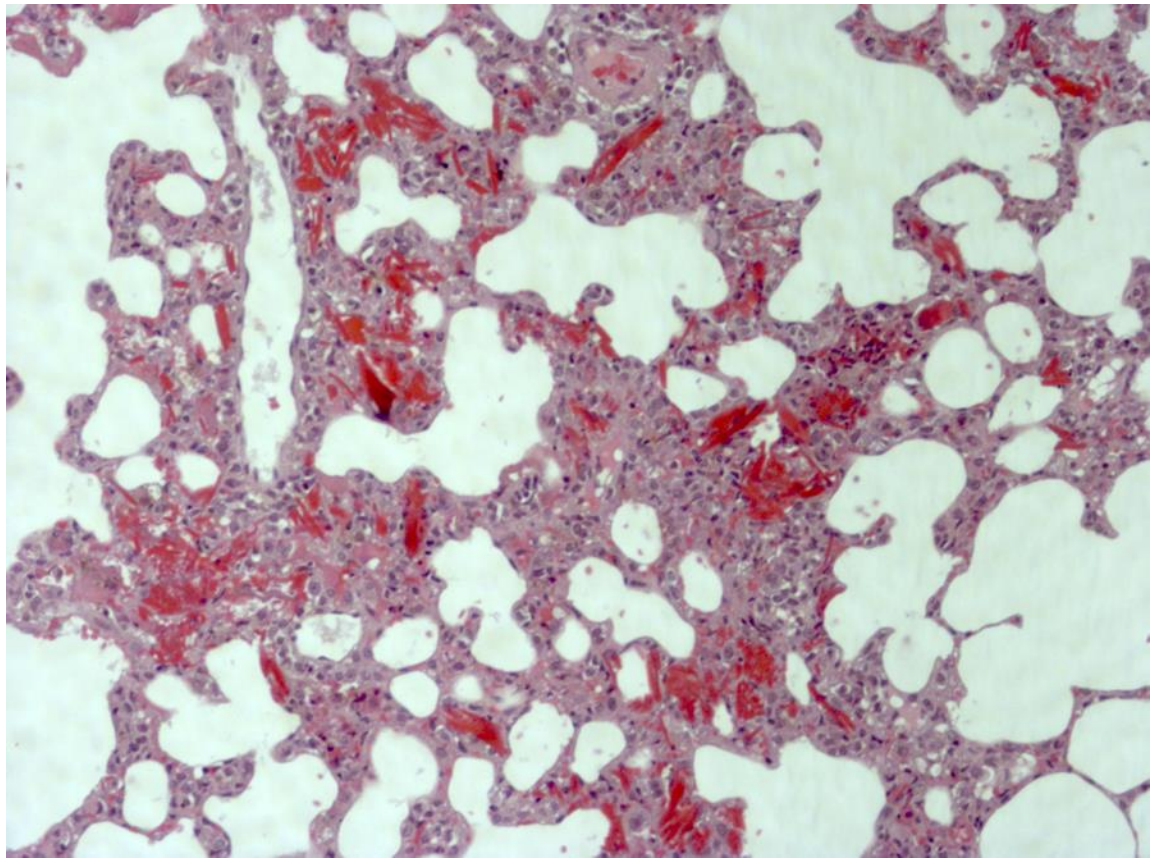

Toxicologic pathology is a medical discipline that applies the professional practice of pathology—the study of diseases—to toxicology—the study of the effects of chemicals and other agents on humans, animals, and the environment. Toxicologic pathology professionals work in academic institutions, government, the pharmaceutical and chemical industry, contract research organizations or as consultants, and utilize traditional clinical or anatomic pathology endpoints, as well as contemporary advances in molecular and cellular biology. They are dedicated to the integration of toxicologic pathology into hazard identification, risk assessment, and risk communication regarding human, animal, and environmental exposure to potentially toxic substances.

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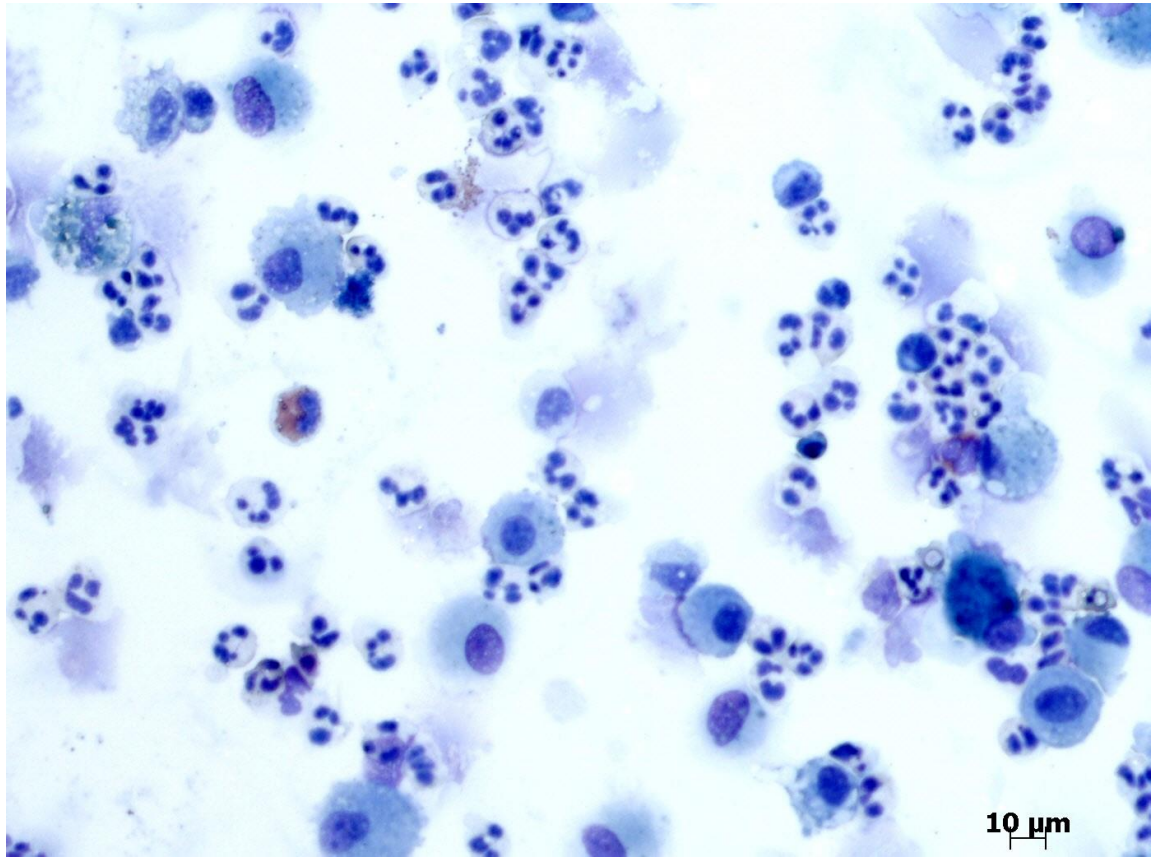

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Modulation of neutrophil and inflammation markers in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease by short-term azithromycin treatment

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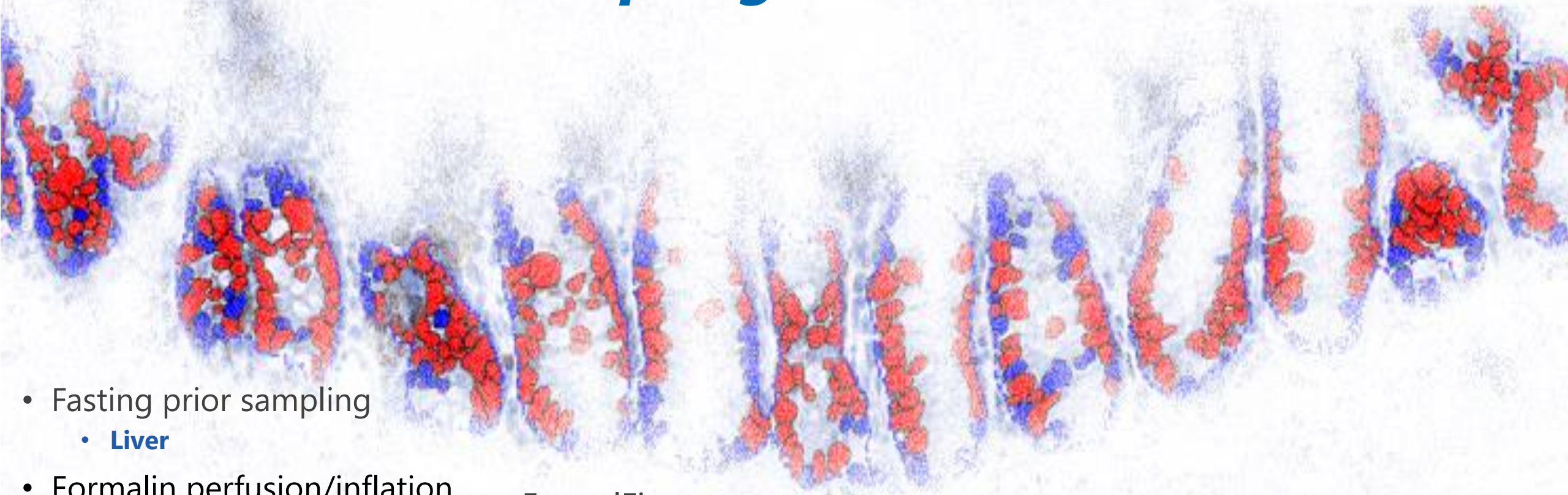
Sampling & Fixation

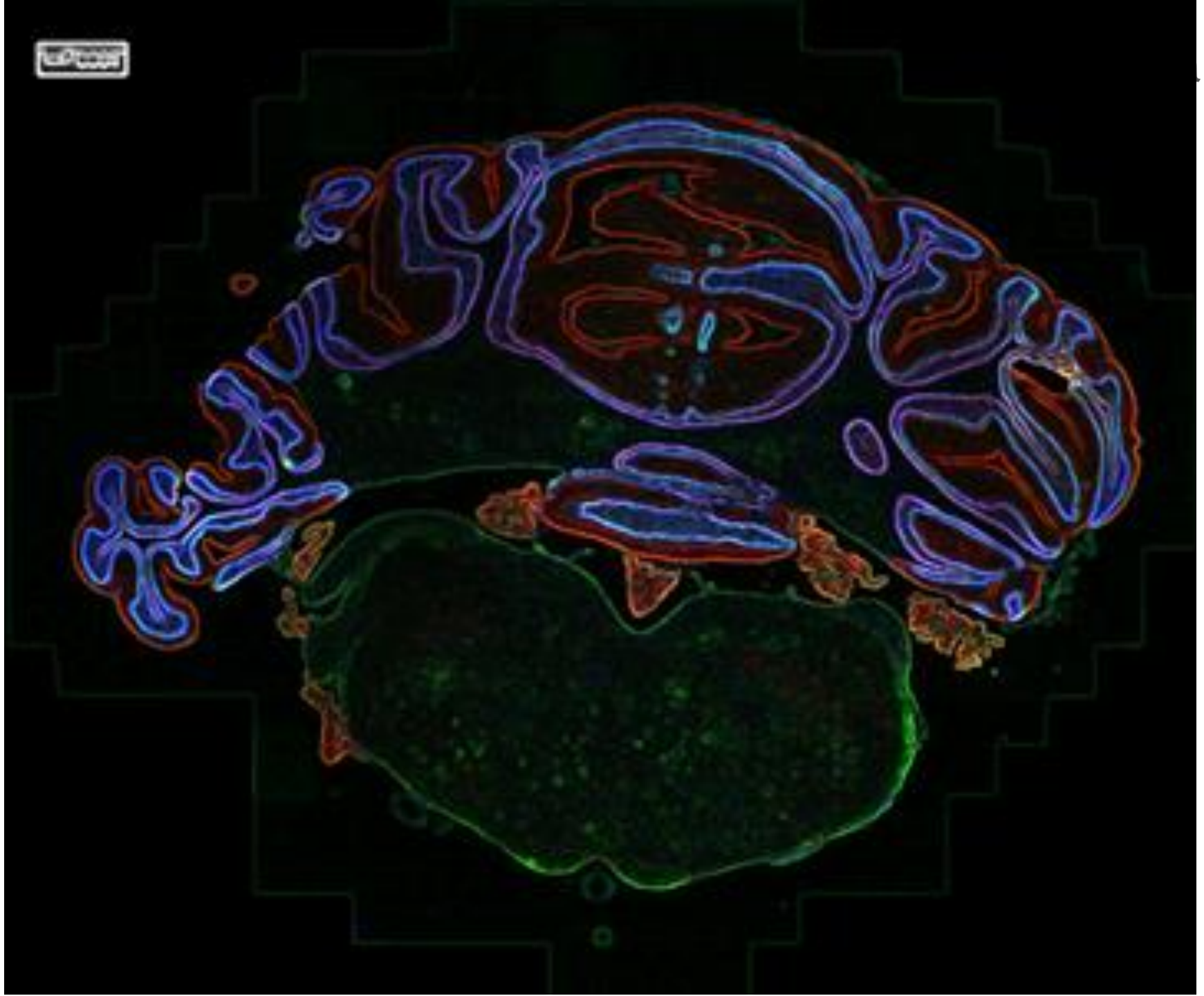


- Fasting prior sampling
  - **Liver**
- Formalin perfusion/inflation
  - **Brain**
  - **Lungs**
- Sampling
  - **Time frame**
  - **Be gentle!!**

- FormalFixx
  - **Two parts formalin + eight parts of water**
  - **pH<6**
- Specimen dimensions
  - **3-4 mm thick**

- Fixative : tissue ratio
  - Lowest acceptable ratio 20:1
  - **Target ratio 50:1**
- Duration of fixation
  - **Guidelines 24-72h in formalin**

Tissue staining methods used for patho-histological evaluation



Tissue processing: Tissue sectioning

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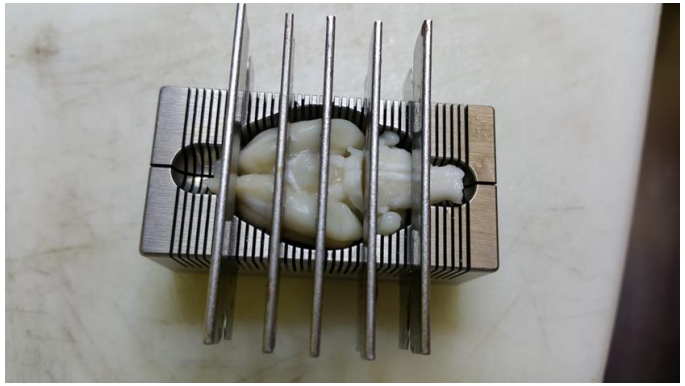
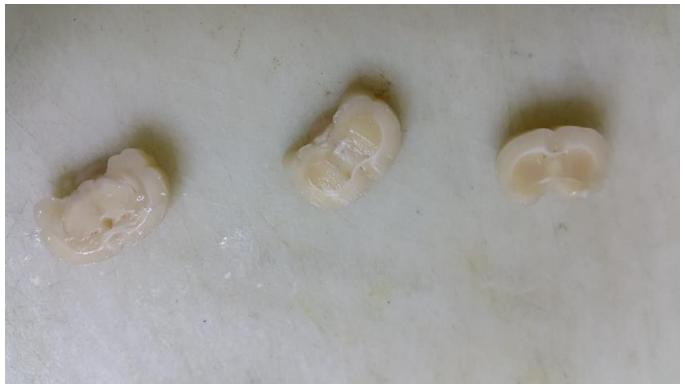
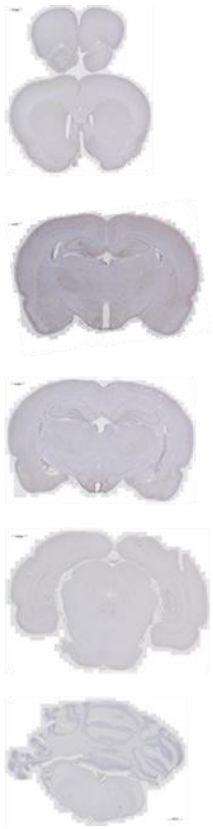
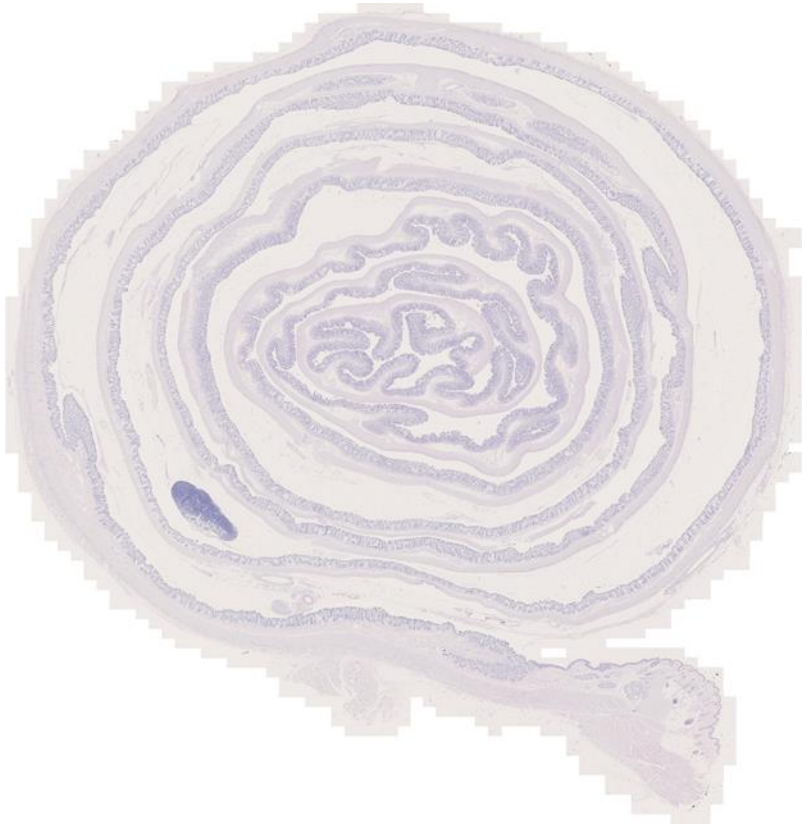
Brain, serial sections







Intestine, swiss-rolls



Staining methods

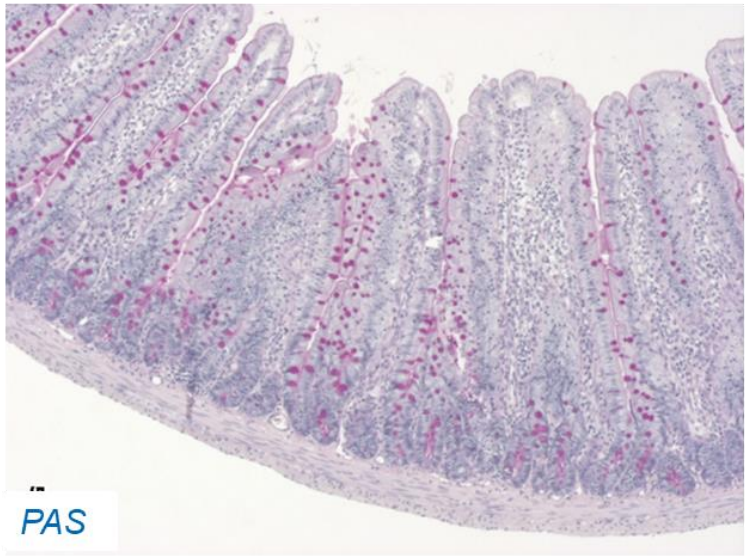
Histochemistry

Chemical reaction between chromogen and chemical entities in tissue

- salt formation

"Visualization" of

- Structural/functional molecules in tissue
  - Proteins, mucopolysaccharides, fat
- Cells/cell types by highlighting their "chemical" properties
  - Mastocytes, goblet cells, osteoclasts



Immunohistochemistry

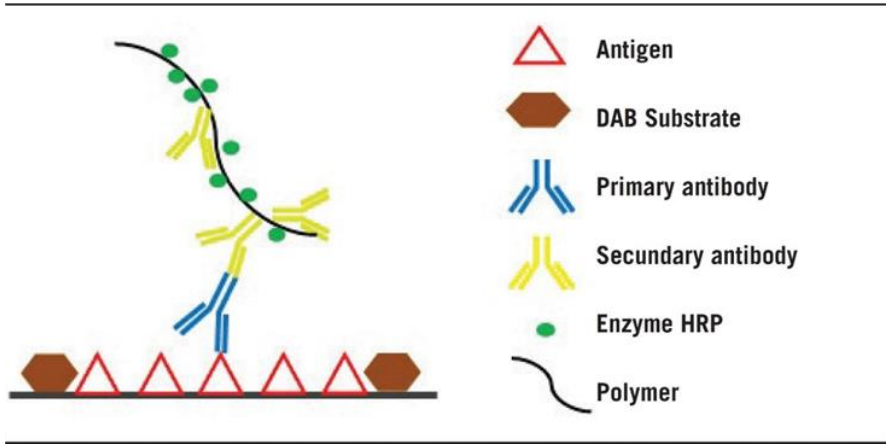
Reaction between specific antibody and antigen in tissue

"Visualization" of

- Structural/functional proteins in tissue

Accentuation of

- Certain cell-types
- Functional status of cells



Staining methods: Immunofluorescence (IF) / Double IF

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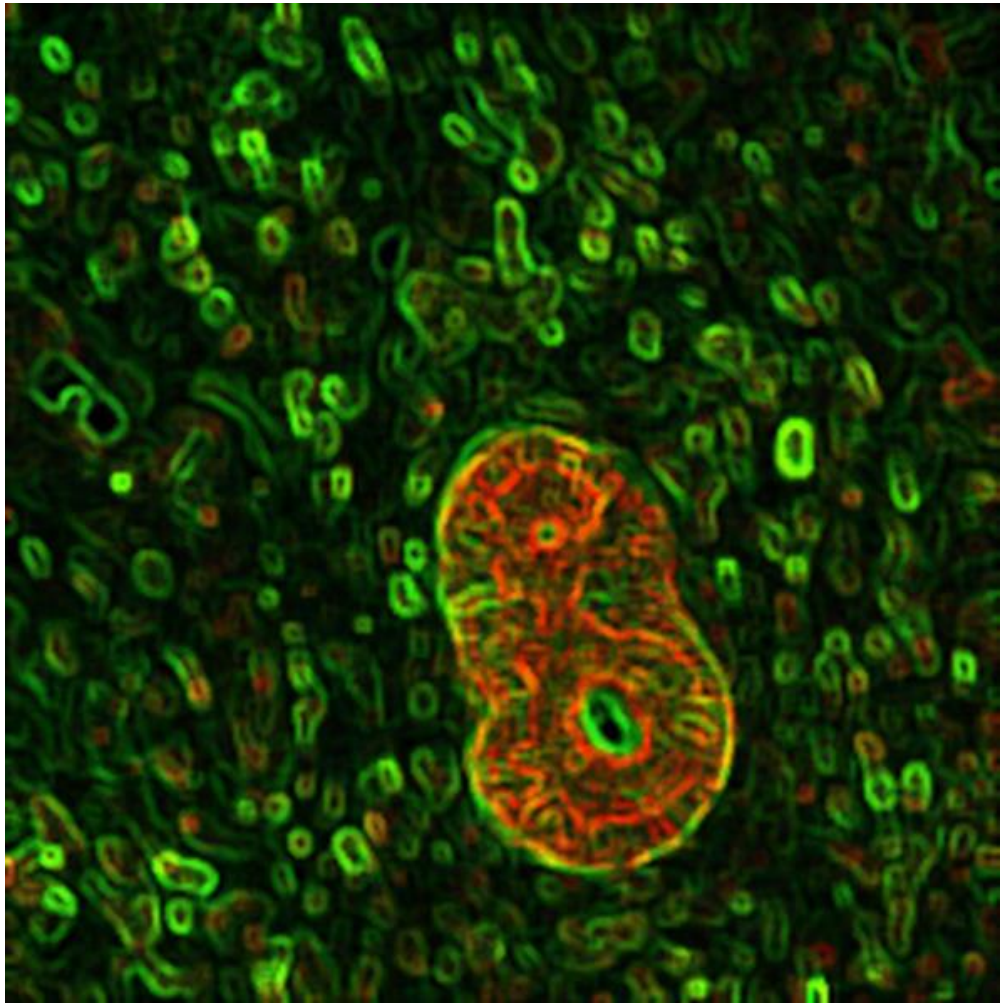
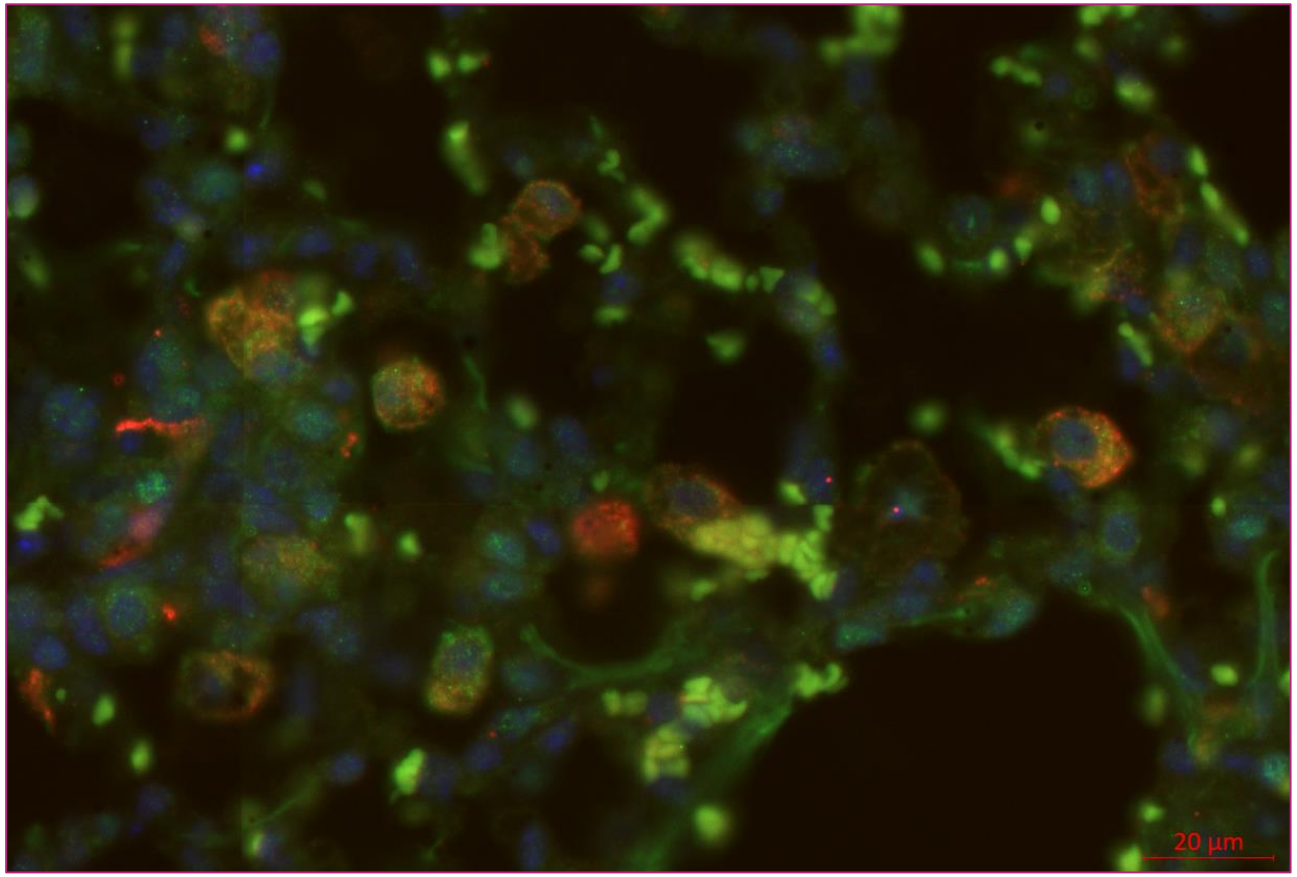
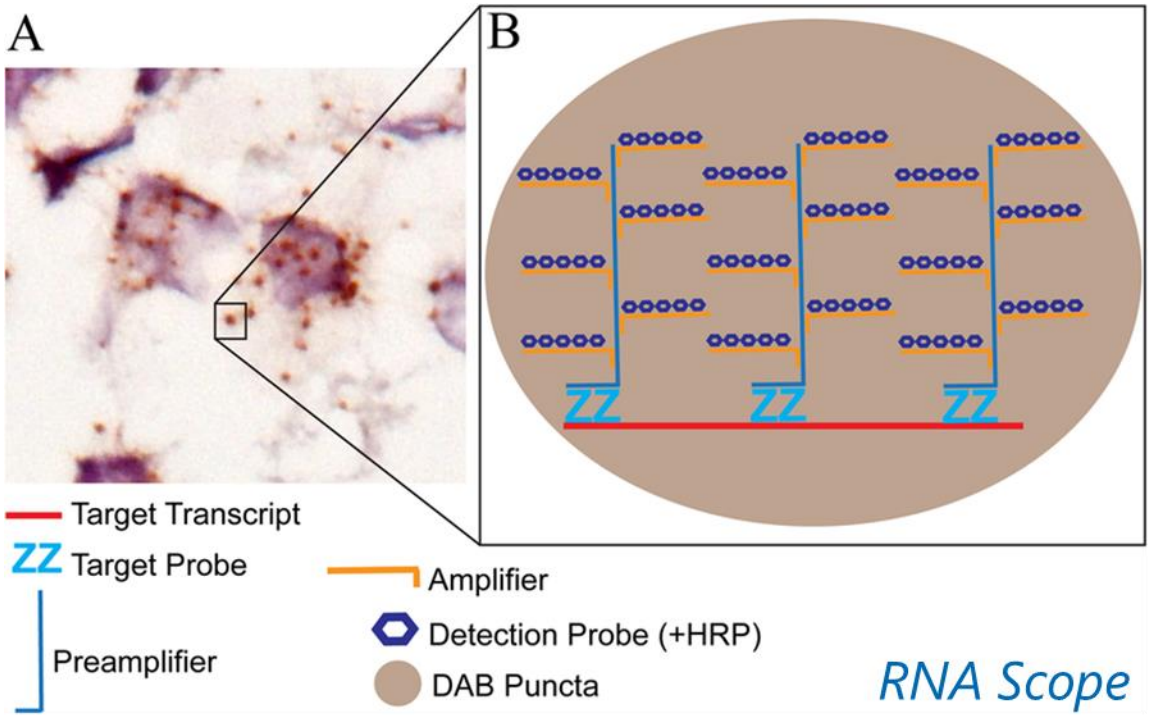


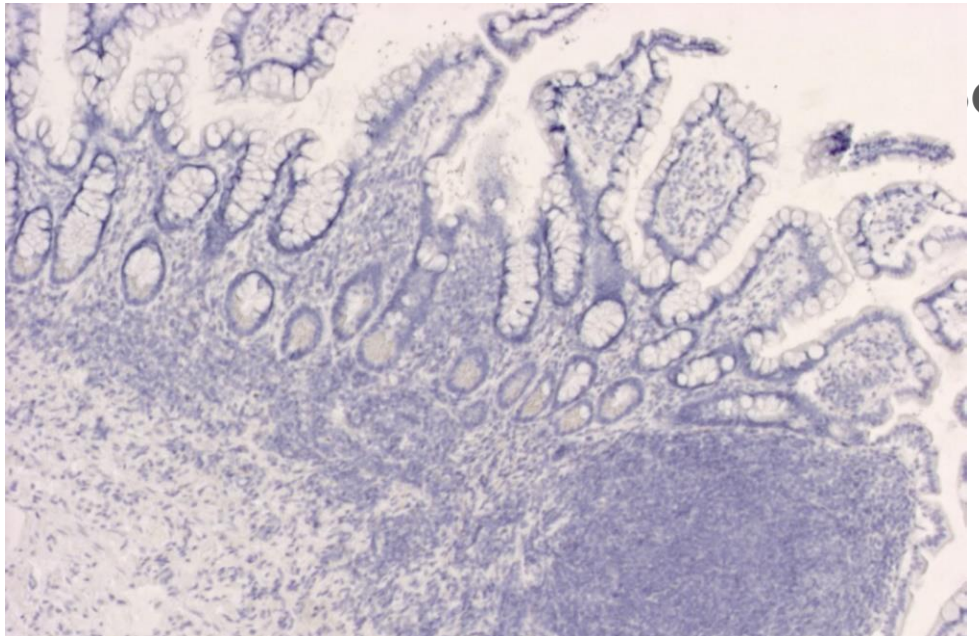
IBD, target/cell marker



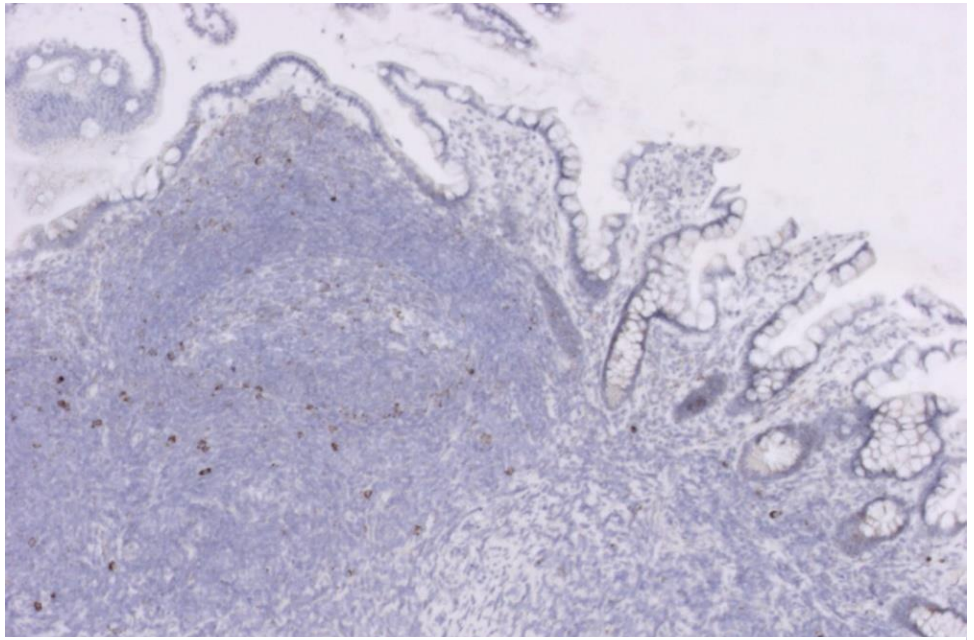
Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis; target/CD206

Staining methods: *In situ* ***hybridization***





Negative control; non-mammalian RNA



Positive control; PPIB-RNA

Staining methods: *In situ* ***hybridization***

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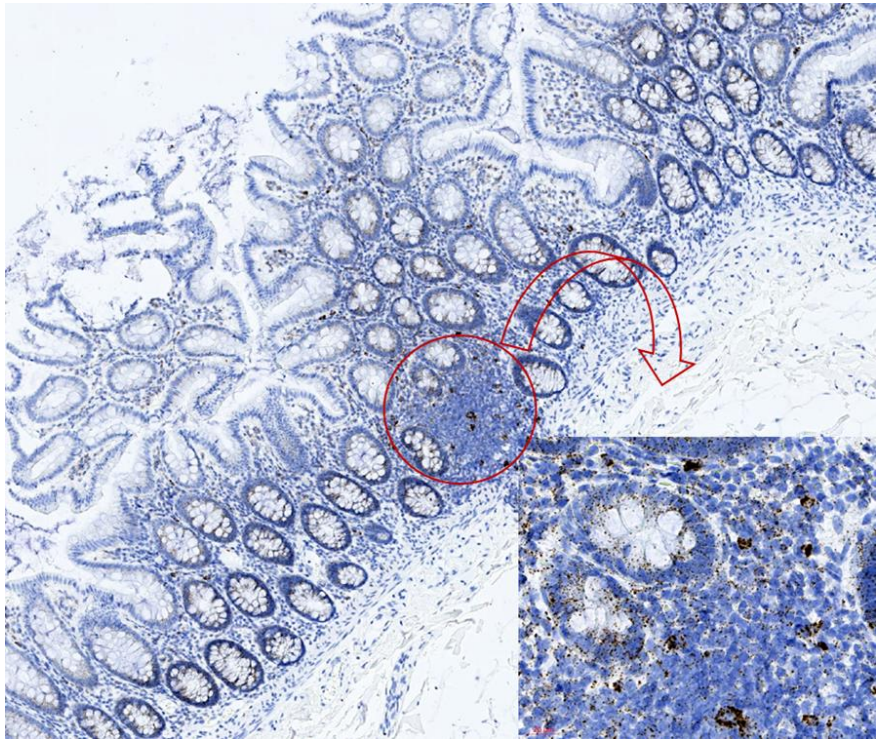

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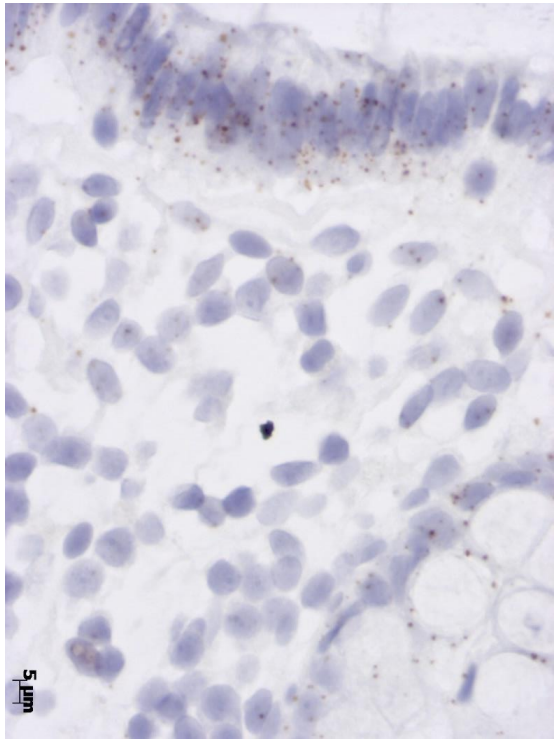
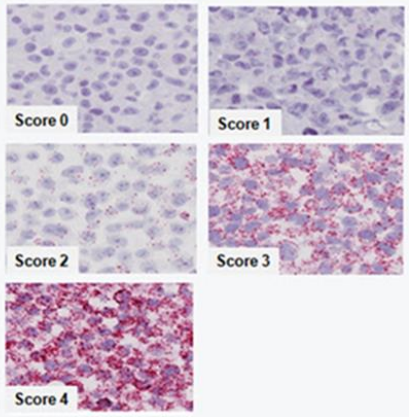


Target mRNA

Scoring system

Score	Criteria
0	No staining or <1 dot/10 cells
1	1-3 dots/cell
2	4-9 dots/cell. None or very few dot clusters
3	10-15 dots/cell and <10% dots are in clusters
4	>15 dots/cell and >10% dots are in clusters



Special pathology methods

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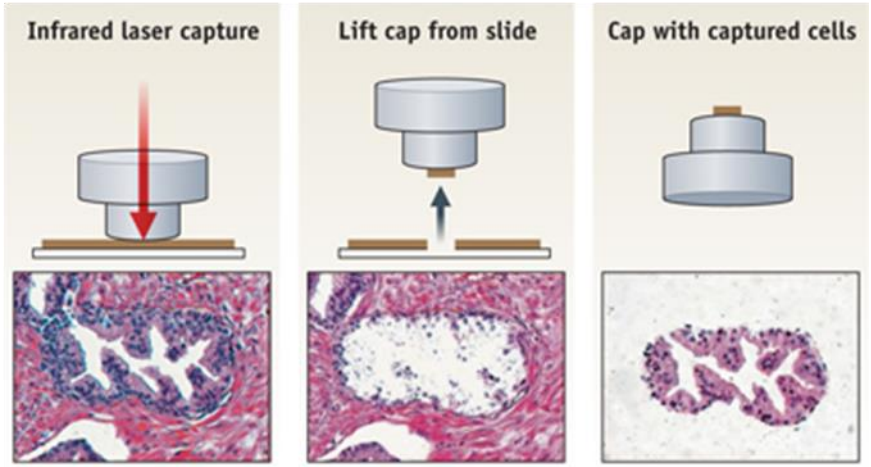
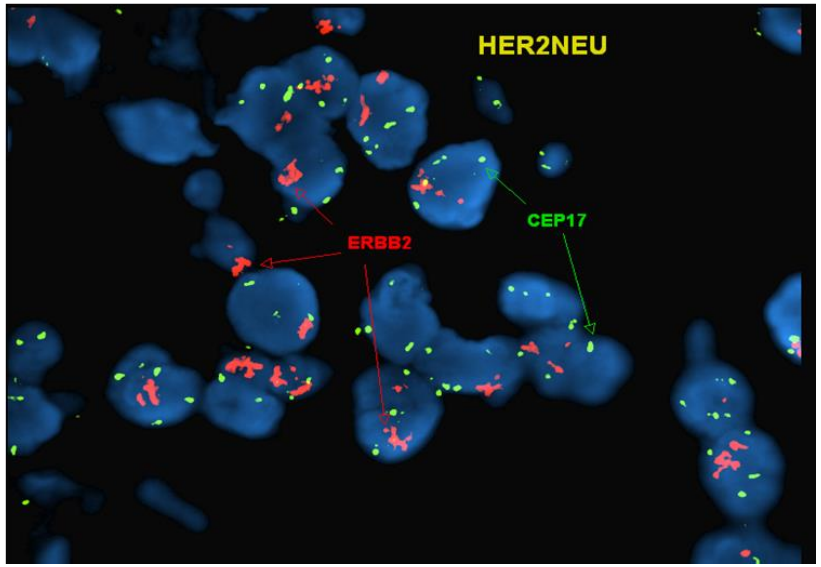
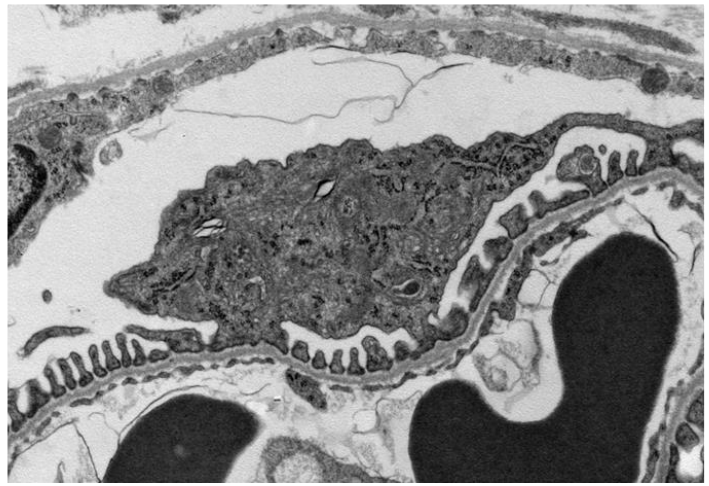
Laser microdissection



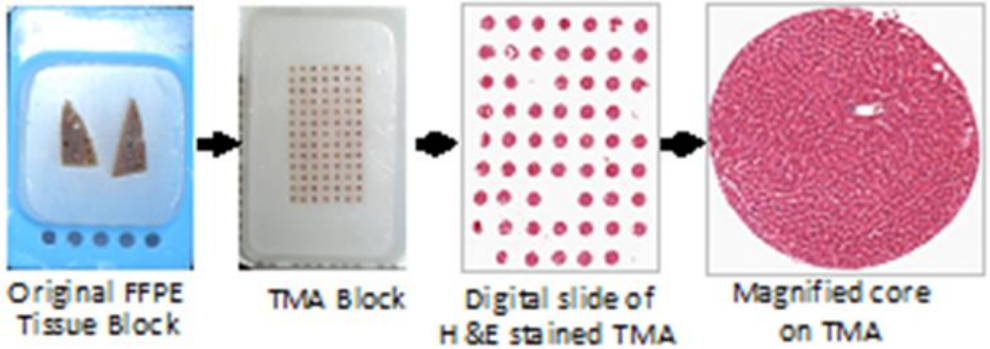
Flourescence *in situ* hybridization



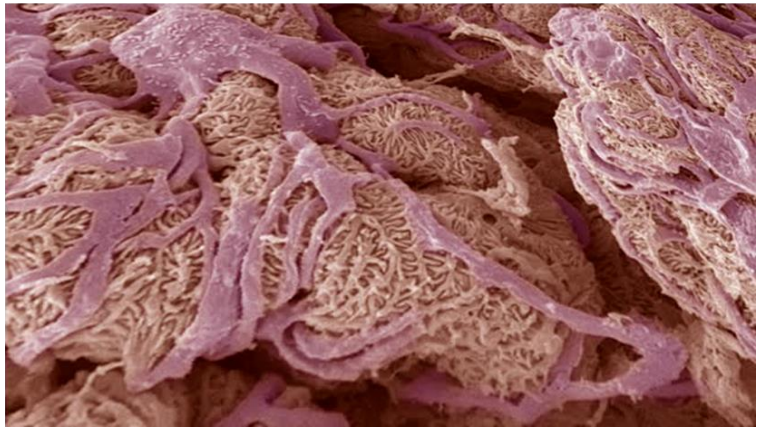
Electron microscopy, TEM



"Tissue microarrays" (TMA)



Electron microscopy, SEM



Imaging Mass Spectrometry

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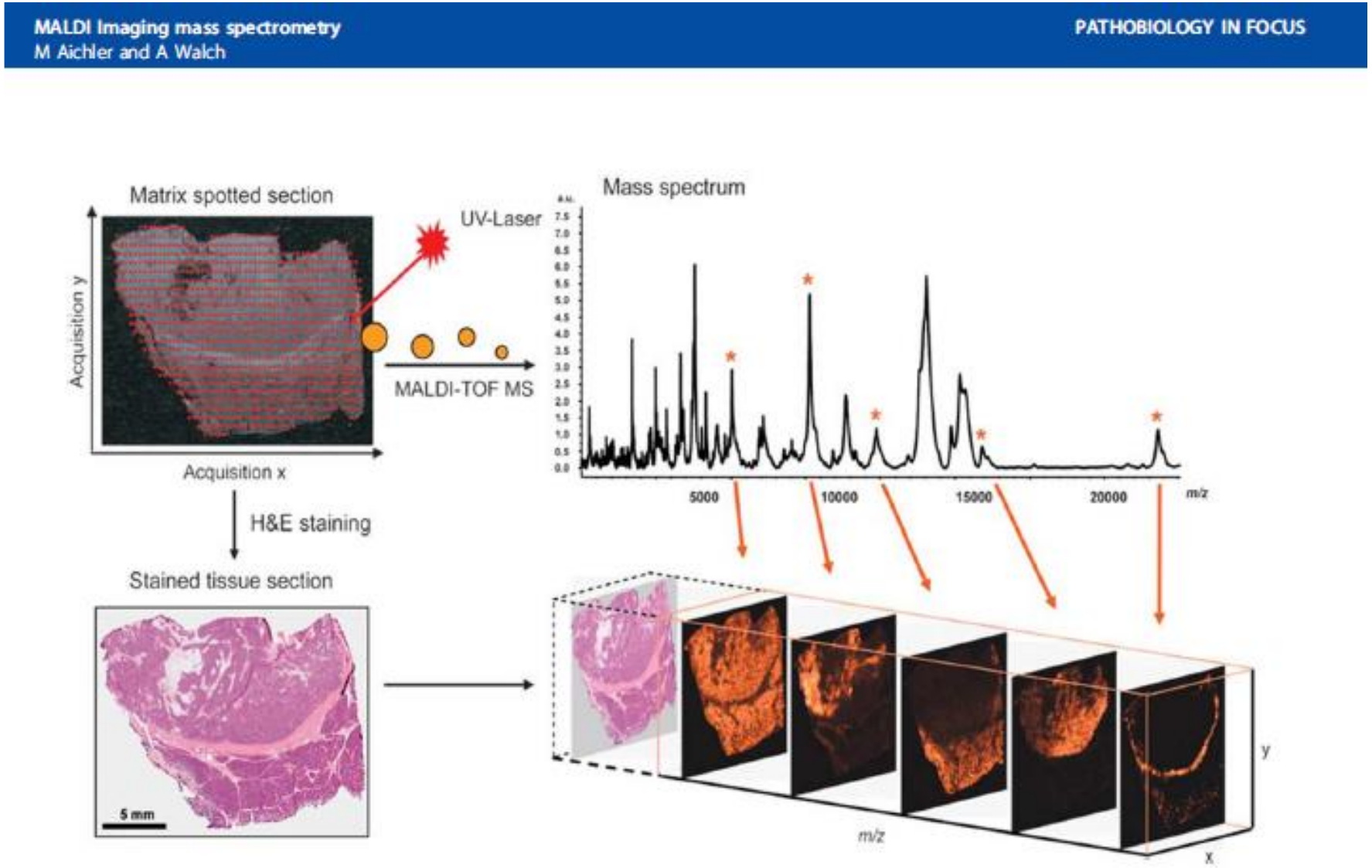
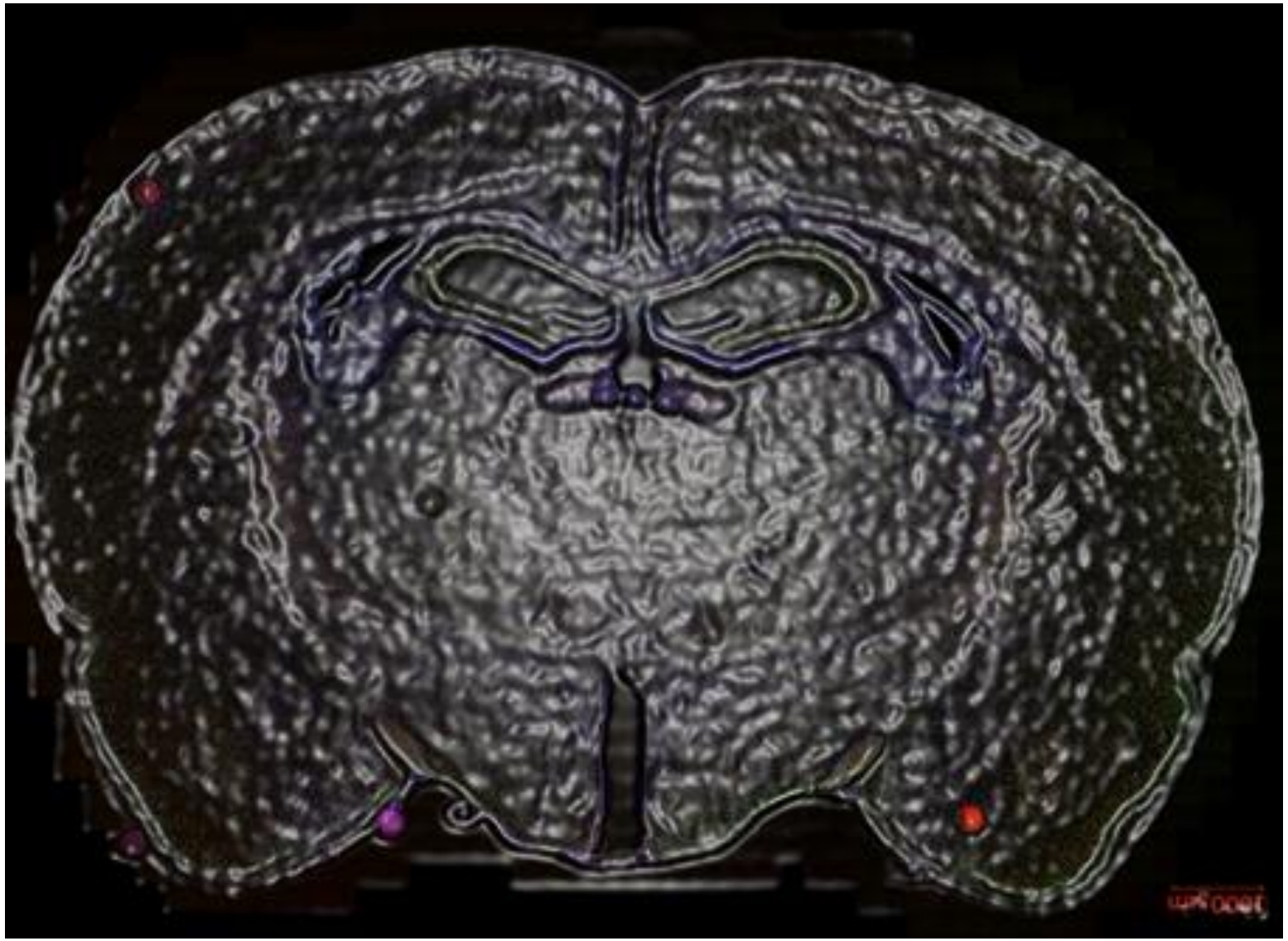


Analysis: What, where, how much, how many



"Diagnostic"

- Toxicologic studies

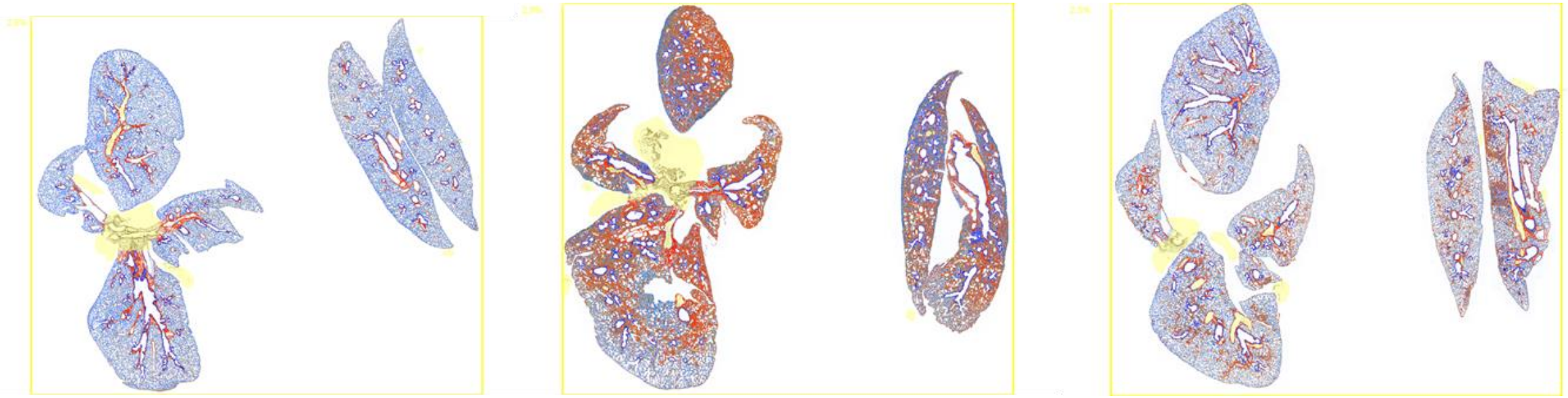
Descriptive: Where, what?

- Experimental pathology
- Toxicology studies

Semi-quantitative

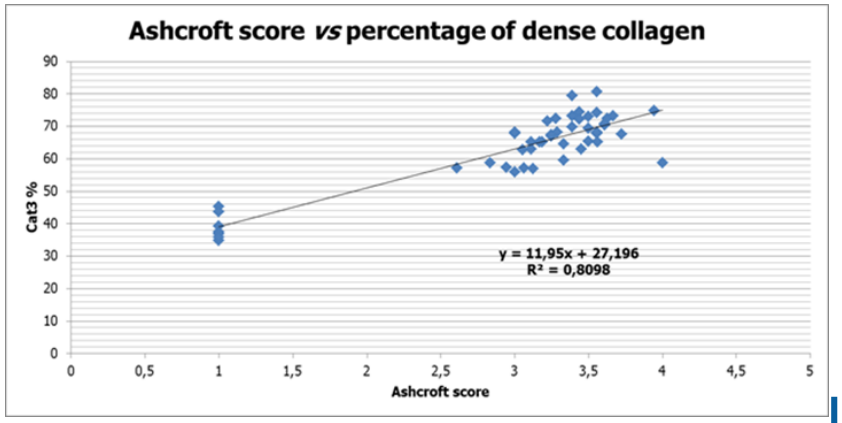
- Expression of results using predefined "categories"
  - "None-minimal-moderate-severe" for each category
- Median and range
- Non-parametric statistical methods

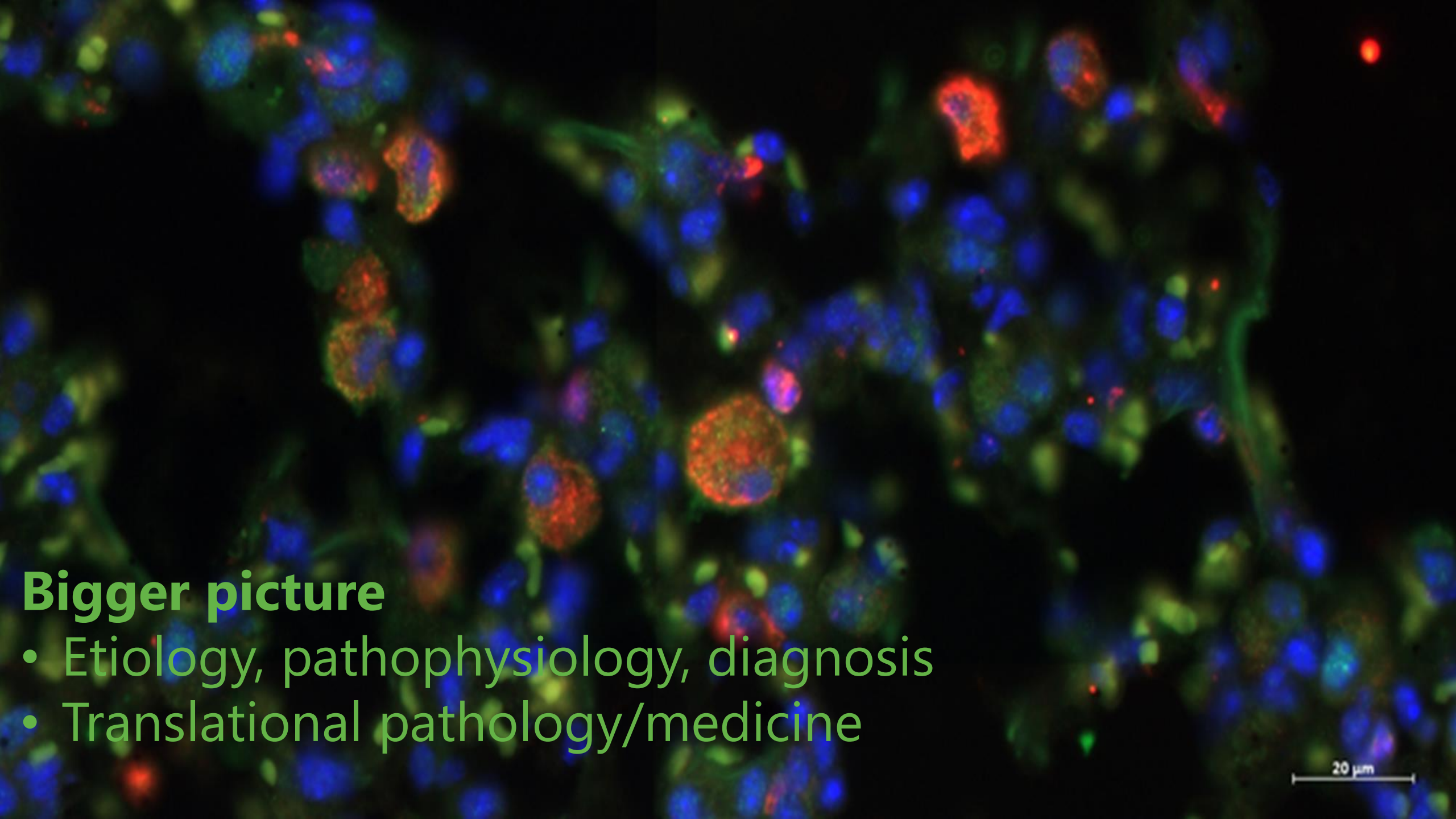
Analysis: What, where, how much, how many



Quantitative/Digital image analysis

- Numerical presentation of results
  - Number of mitoses/apoptoses, "positive" cells/ power field, mm^2, %
- Mean and standard deviation
- Parametric statistical methods





Bigger picture

- Etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis
- Translational pathology/medicine

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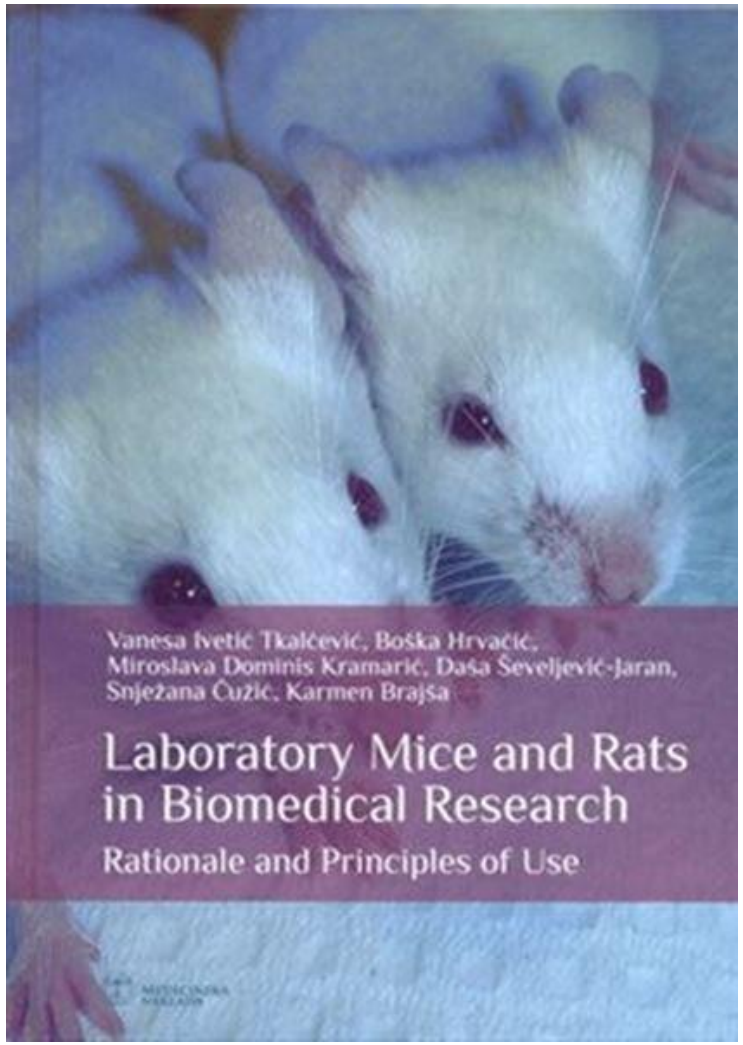
Literature



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